

FARMERS PAYING EXCESSIVE RATES

Spend Millions Needlessly for Interest on Store Credit, Says Department of Agriculture.

BANK RATES THE LOWEST

Department Urges Thrift, Industry and Reliability on Farmers to Win Credit Standing—Banks Asked to Help.

The cost to farmers of credit from stores is more than 25 per cent when calculated on the basis of a yearly interest rate, while banks charge little more than 6 per cent, says the official report of the Department of Agriculture on its recent survey of farm credit in North Carolina.

"Farmers would profit greatly if they could place themselves in position to borrow from banks and pay their bills with cash," the report continues. "Merchants would be benefited, since they could then give their attention strictly to merchandising and avoid the risk of loss which they now assume. Banks would also profit, due to the resulting improvement in farmers' financial condition and the increased business which these farmers would give the banks."

A Matter of Habit
Discussing the question as to why farmers rely on store credit instead of bank credit, the report says that many do so out of habit and do not realize how high the cost of the store credit is. "There are others, however, who cannot obtain credit from banks," it goes on. "This is often due to the fact that no contact has been established and the farmer's credit rating

has not been determined. Banks prefer character and general business ability over any tangible security in making loans. A REPUTATION FOR THRIFT, INDUSTRY AND RELIABILITY IS THE BEST POSSIBLE ASSET FOR A MAN WANTING CREDIT."

"The first step in giving farmers better credit is to build up better contacts. This will require co-operation of county agents, farm organizations and the banks themselves. But the banks cannot do it all. Effort toward a better acquaintance is necessary on the part of farmers. Frankness regarding their business affairs is essential."

The large part credit cost plays in agricultural conditions is pointed out by the department's report, which says North Carolina farmers contract debts amounting to more than \$200,000,000 annually, and therefore a difference of only 1 per cent in the average interest rate would affect the net income from agriculture there approximately \$2,000,000 each year. More than half the farmers in the areas investigated relied on merchandise advances, and the total merchant credit was nearly three times the short-term bank credit.

High Interest Rates
"The average interest rate charged for merchant credit was 22.3 per cent," the survey reveals. "Credit from local stores was the most expensive, costing an average of 26.6 per cent. Landlords came next in order, with a rate of 21.5 per cent. Factories and their agents are much lower, with rates of 14.2 and 17.0 per cent respectively."

"Fertilizer and living expenses" are the chief purposes for which merchant credit is extended. Stores apparently handle more of such business than all other agencies combined, while banks carry less than one-sixth of the total. That the farmers fail to obtain needed short-term credit direct from banks constitutes a handicap to agriculture in North Carolina, since the rate on such loans is materially lower than on short-term loans from all other sources."

SALVATIONISTS STRIVE TO AID NEEDY OF CITY

The local corps of the Salvation Army have been vigorously working on their Christmas charity campaign. For a week, rain or shine, Santa has stood upon the corner of Sherman and Commerce streets by one of the two pots placed there to catch the nickels and dimes that mean so much to the Yuletide cheer of the unfortunate of Mexia.

Captain George Laing states that the corps has planned to deliver baskets of food on Christmas day to a large number of needy families and that the baskets will cost just about \$4.20 apiece retail. He also stated that it will cost about \$400 to give as many baskets as he thinks will be needed. The corps is making a determined effort to raise this amount, however, in order that there will be no home in Mexia without its share of happiness.

Large contributions have been received from some of the clubs and individuals in the city. There is a use for every dollar that comes in, and not one penny will be wasted if dropped into one of the pots before Santa disappears from the streets. There is only one day more and the public is urged not to forget the needy in the rush of their own happiness. The Salvation Army is not an organization for profit but its purpose is to bring joy to those who otherwise could not know

Christmas for the happiness it brings and to clothe the needy.

Any amount, large or small, will be appreciated. Captain Laing urges that if a person can't give in large contributions put in a small one. Every little bit helps. Keep the pot boiling and aid in making the good feeling this year so contagious that everybody will catch a genuine case of it.

He'll Put That Under Lock and Key.

(From the Toledo Blade)
If Senator Hiram Johnson ever got an answer to his letter that was stolen and published he doesn't consider it any of the public's business.

According to Christmas greetings received by friends in Mexia, Rev. D. C. Gafford and family are now in Dublin, Texas.

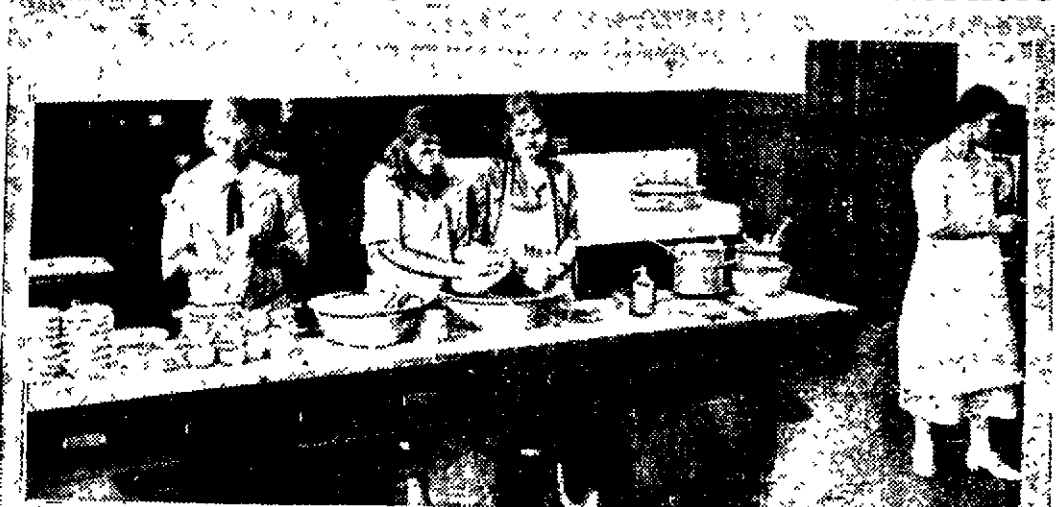
Married in 1883, a mother before her seventeenth birthday, a grandmother fifteen years later, at the age of 31, is the record of a woman living in Carmarthenshire, Wales.

COLORADO.—\$1,000,000 bond issued for road construction in Mitchell county.

Any one wishing a calendar that owns a car and has not received a card we will be glad to give you one if you will call at our No. 1 Station and fill out one of the cards. Mexia Battery and Tire Co., Inc. 18-10

January "American Magazine," January "Woman's Home Companion" on sale Pioneer News Stand. 20-2

Cooking Classes Make Home Makers Of Girls Living In Soft Coal Districts; Mine Operators Provide Education



While educational authorities in states having a large rural population are bending every effort to improve the work of rural schools, the educational directors in coal-producing states are finding that the school of the mine town is a problem in itself varying widely from that of the ordinary rural school; that teachers trained for city or rural work have difficulty in adjusting themselves in the schools of mining towns. But the progress which is being made, according to information gathered by the National Coal Association, is constant, and is a factor in attracting the better class of miner to the towns which have better school facilities.

Where the school of the mining town of 20 years ago was often a dilapidated shack, to-day the school houses are substantial buildings with modern equipment and supplies, in most cases. There are some exceptions to this, which have been due in part to the rapid development of mining towns, although now in many communities the companies are setting aside dwellings which are being converted into overflow schools. This is particularly true of newer communities in the bituminous fields.

To quote one investigator: "The girl of school age in the mining community is an assistant mother, and to meet the peculiar needs of the industrial environment many schools are including domestic science classes in the upper grades, so that they may improve household efficiency. Like the picture above, which was made in one of the bituminous camps, these classes are helping the girls to become homemakers, as many of them marry and continue life in the coal fields."

In the mining towns, with very few exceptions, it was found, company officials are very keenly interested in the schools of their communities, lending financial aid to supplement the regular salaries of teachers, in order to attract a better class. Some of the companies have given large sums, in addition to school taxes, to secure better conditions, as the children would suffer from the lack of educational opportunities unless this was done.

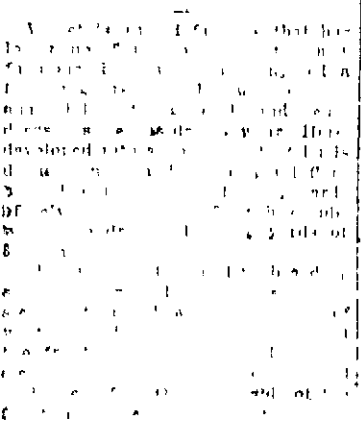
Other cases were found of companies which have furnished houses complete, with rent, light, fuel and water free for the teachers in their communities.



Fitted Dress With Velvet Coat—

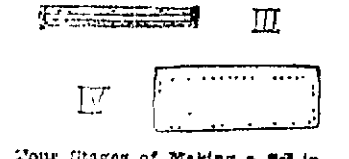
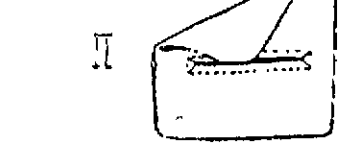
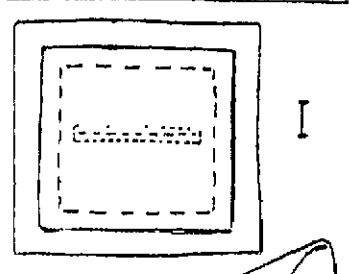


Jaunty for Sports or Outdoor Wear—



Is the diagram the method of putting in the pockets is illustrated. Mark the pocket to position first, then with a row of basting, mark where the opening is to be. Stitch straight across about 1/4 of an inch above and below the basting threads (Fig. 1), then slash the velvet on the line of the basting.

Draw the pocket through the slash to the inside of the jacket, then baste and press. Along another pocket center underneath the edges, again (Fig. 1). Now baste together to keep perfectly smooth and stitch



Four Stages of Making a Set-in Pocket

all around the edges, about 1/4 of an inch from the edges (Fig. 11). Push the pocket to place them a little further apart to make them strong. Now baste and baste over the pocket with. When arranged in this position, this is much easier to sew in when it can be reached. The pocket will still have a smooth effect (Fig. 13).

Wonderful Advancement In Radios Declares Stuart Auto Supply Man

It was a few years ago that a fitting climax to his other achievements, Stuart Auto Supply Man, in the field of radio is the proven Neutrodyne circuit which will revolutionize the radio industry. The first announcement of Professor with 10 more on the air as they say. This achievement was made in mind that was the effort of the Radio Club of the World. The first announcement of Professor with 10 more on the air as they say. This achievement was made in mind that was the effort of the Radio Club of the World.

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The Neutrodyne circuit, said Mr. Stuart, "is the result of several years' research work by Professor L. A. Hazeltine, Professor of Electrical Engineering at Stevens Institute of Technology, Hoboken, N. J. Professor Hazeltine is one of the world's leading consulting radio engineers and past few weeks

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Students Return Home for Holidays

Among the Mexia students attending university and college elsewhere who have returned for the Christmas holidays are the following:

Henry Desenberg, U. of Michigan; Allen Bryant, Cecil Dunlap, and Griffin Thrift from A. & M.

Jack Simmons and Harold Adamson, from Allen Academy.

Eugenia Klotz, Elizabeth Karner, Myrtle De Long and Hazel Laird from C. I. A.

Dorothy Moore and Melba Petty from S. M. U.

Clay Berry, Janie Berry and Dinah and Johnny Harper from Southwestern.

Reuben and Felix Parker and Steve Womack from Terrill School; Leland Phillips and Billie Buckner from Baylor.

Harry Klotz, Ernest Watson, and Jack Womack from Rice.

Clyde Keeling from Texas Military College.

Mason Filcher from A. and M.

There may be others but we have not been able to see them to get their names. But we welcome all of them and wish for them a most merry Xmas and Happy New Year.

The Kaufman Grocery will be open until ten o'clock Monday night, Christmas Eve. J. P. Dunaway, prop.

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W. C. Lamb of Navasota was a visitor to the city Thursday.

THE WORLD IN TABLOID

MARIETTA, Ga., Dec. 22.—J. W. Brown, engineer, was killed when the engine of the Dixie Flyer on the Nashville, Chattanooga and St. Louis from Chicago to Atlanta turned over this morning. Advances to rail officials said none of the train of Pullmans overturned and no passengers were injured.

ROCKWALL, Texas, Dec. 23.—Officers captured two automobiles, seven men and a cargo of 22,000 worth of bonded whiskey. The automobiles were stuck in the mud when the officers, searching for robbers, came upon the men.

WASHINGTON, Dec. 22.—Secretary Hughes will neither withdraw nor submit to arbitration, documents he made public following refusal to negotiate with Russia, a high State Department official declared. The government is fully convinced that the documents are genuine despite the denial of Soviet foreign ministers, who said the documents were forged.

DALLAS, Texas, Dec. 22.—Negotiations are under way to arrange a game between the Scott High eleven, Toledo, Ohio, national champions, and Abilene High, winner of the Texas Interscholastic League title. It would be played here January 1st if negotiations are successful.

ALBANY, N. Y., Dec. 22.—Responsibility for the fatal crash of the Twentieth Century Limited on the New York Central two weeks ago at Forcyth, was placed upon Engineer Patterson by the Public Service Commission. The wreck resulted pri-

marily from an automobile stalled on the track, but Patterson failed to act on signals displayed to protect the train, the commission held.

ATHENS, Dec. 22.—Premier Gonatas of Greece has resigned. The republicans demanded the resignation following their success in the elections, but Gonatas at first announced that the government would retain power until the national assembly convened and elected its president. Gonatas is the leader of the party which lost many seats in last week's elections.

W. K. Boyd left Saturday at noon for Terrell where he will spend the Christmas holidays.

Sim Bounds, of Tehuacana, was a visitor to Mexia Saturday.

Mr. and Mrs. Dewey Miller, and Mrs. Tom Bounds, of Tehuacana, were in the city Saturday afternoon.

Dan S. Dove, of Tehuacana, has accepted a position as advertising solicitor with the Waco News Tribune. He will leave to take up his duties on the 26th of December.

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Mrs. J. L. Smith and daughter, Mrs. J. L. Metcalf, left several days ago for Norwood, Ga., to spend the holidays with Mrs. Smith's daughter, Mrs. Steadman.

January Red Book, January True Romances now on sale, Pioneer News Stand.

G. A. McGee of Corsicana was in the city Thursday.

HAS DREAMS COME TRUE

LANSING, Kans., Dec. 22.—For three successive nights, James Rivers, oldest prisoner in point of service in Kansas penitentiary, dreamed he would be freed. The next day he was ordered paroled after serving 21 years for murder in Ardmore, Okla.

EASIER AND SAFER DRIVING

"In spite of the large number of expert drivers handling automobiles and trucks it is surprising how few of them hold the steering wheel in a correct manner," says Arthur G. Zeller, President of the Michigan State Automobile School, Detroit.

"A popular but quite improper way," Zeller states, "seems to be to grasp it near the front side, resting both forearms across the wheel and leaning the body slightly forward. While this gives fair control of the car, all the engine vibration and steering gear road shock passes from the wheel rim into the muscles and bones of the forearm. A feeling of fatigue is quickly caused by the continued vibration and frequently sets the driver to napping at the wheel."

"I have no doubt that many highway accidents come from this method of driving."

"The next time you go for a drive try it this way. Settle yourself comfortably in the driver's seat, grasp that portion of the steering wheel rim closest to your body in such a fashion that your elbows hang closely to your sides; each upper arm and forearm bent to approximate a letter L. The right hand palm should be up, the left hand palm down."

"With the steering wheel held in this fashion the car will steer easier and you will experience less fatigue."

K. L. Turner of Amarillo was in Mexia on business Thursday.

Josephine McCormick of this city was operated on at the Mexia General Hospital Friday and is doing nicely.

Mrs. Horace Walton, who has been patient in the Mexia General Hospital for two or three months, is improving.

L. M. Gardner of Waco was in Mexia Thursday.

Paul Hall, with the J. R. Neece Lumber company, left Saturday for Hillsboro to spend Christmas with the home folks.

Mr. and Mrs. T. W. Adamson of Houston are spending the holidays with their daughter, Mrs. Tom Nolan.

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MEXIA, ATTENTION! FORWARD, MARCH!

Mexia, basking in the sunlight of opportunities, in the midst of possibilities for triumph unparalleled in any city of its size in Texas, needs to be aroused because of the close quarters to which that greatest of all enemies to progress—INDECISSION—has driven her, lineup as an invincible army, come to attention and move forward into the thick of action.

There must be no halt now.

Should there be any hesitation whatsoever, it would result in loss irretrievable.

Mexia will liken herself unto the foolish man who built a steel framework for a great structure and then failed to complete the building, or be in the same class with the railroad company that laid its rail lines and then refused to secure rolling stock, should she hesitate to act and to develop completely a greater city on a foundation that has been firmly laid.

J. Desenberg of this city has offered a suggestion, which if carried out will do much to advance the interests of Mexia and this entire section. He has suggested a city auditorium, in a memorial building, dedicated to the heroes of the world war, a structure to be built, by popular subscription and largely out of funds already subscribed to a "lost cause"—a Mexia Y. M. C. A.

Under flourishing and normal civic conditions, of course, the best way to build a civic auditorium would be by bonds. But the Mayor and Commissioners state that Mexia is already bonded almost to the limit. Growing rapidly, with many municipal improvements badly needed, to a certain degree, Mexia faces an empty treasury when considering them.

But the way for the citizens to meet Mr. Desenberg's proposal is not to pass it off with excuses, not to ignore the appeal and the need for such a structure, but to make the same decision in this instance as was made one year ago at this time, when several hundred Mexiates responded to an appeal for subscriptions to the Y. M. C. A. Then when that is done, build the building without needless delays.

Men and women of Mexia and those who are yet to come will not start in a poorly equipped city, if they have to pay city rates for a place that they find available here. They will move, they demand good schools. They have them. They want well equipped parks. They are entitled to them. They want good homes. They have the building already here and all that is needed is an adequate maintenance fund. They want better streets. Their safety makes this call imperative. They want to be free from hazards to public health, such as the rats that run through the heart of the residential district. They want better streets in addition to those now paved. In addition to these there are perhaps twenty more crying needs that could be listed here as they have been listed before. With a civic auditorium, such as has been proposed by Mr. Desenberg, not only would the act in itself prove worthy of a loyal and proud people, but a place would then be available that would carry on the coming together of the citizens of Mexia and this community whenever a common cause is to be considered, or anything done in regard to all the other important matters now before them.

This is a time to push camp. It is time to go into battle. It is the hour of good judgment, self sacrifice, unity and ACTION.

Mexia, forward, March!

THE EXPRESSION OF THE SPIRIT OF CHRIST —THAT'S CHRISTMAS.

Happiness is not in selfishness, but in service; not in hate, but in love; not in receiving, but in giving.

The Christmas season should be the expression of the spirit of Christ. If it is not that it is a vain holiday, a worthless tradition, a selfish satisfaction.

The custom of exchanging gifts at this season of the year is a useful as well as a beautiful one. It draws together. It reunites. It sets to ringing all the bells of joy in human hearts. Families and friends and fellowship in a new bond of affection, the influence of which follows throughout the frosts of winter, and on through until Christmas time comes again. Each succeeding Christmas, therefore, should be better than the one the year before, growing better, brighter and merrier just as the earth should be made to rejoice more and more as the gospel of the Savior sheds its beneficent influences on every continent and on the seven seas.

As this day of all days approaches, have you the Christmas spirit in your heart and life? If so, then your gifts will bear a double blessing. They will be appreciated for their value and also for the spirit in which they are tendered. They will be so accepted and a blessing will also come to you who give.

The first Christmas brought to mankind, sin sick and discouraged, the most priceless gift ever received in this world. In our joyous celebration of the holiday period, let us not forget that the real meaning of the season is the spirit of love, of service and of sacrifice. The message which the Young Child brought to the plains of Bethlehem were not for the period of Herods who would have long since been forgotten had it not been for their tyranny over young life, but is an eternal and universal message. If we let it guide our lives through this period and the next and the next, the old world will be better, the Star in the East, the emblem of hope and Promise, will shine forth in undimmed lustre again and again, while the celestial hosts angels song will pour from the lips of men and of earth and heaven will join in one grand refrain, "Peace on Earth and Good Will to All Men."

AND THY NEIGHBOR

Christmas sees the anniversary of the birth of one who as a man sent forth ideas which have changed the world, and will continue to change the world to the end of time.

Whether you acknowledge Christ as the ruler of your life or not, you cannot escape His influence. The very year points to him as the center.

Even His followers have put into practice all He commanded, but in seeking this end they grow—as will you.

Much of the teaching of Jesus was summed up by Him in two commandments: To love the Lord, and thy neighbor as thyself.

If an employer loves his neighbor as himself he will give employees all they earn—and workers will give an honest hour's toil for an hour's pay, the storekeeper will see that the buyer gets his money's worth, even of Christmas trinkets, and the father will guard his lips that he say nothing he wouldn't wish said to him were he the son of the family.

Regular church attendance will help you to attain the self-control which enables you more nearly to love others as yourself. Along this path alone lies true happiness.

Let every Christmas wish remind you of church.

THE MEXICAN SITUATION

So far the United States has been very optimistic in regard to the recent uprising in Mexico, but with the spirit of rebellion gaining more momentum as the days go by Uncle Sam is beginning to worry a little as to the outcome. At first the revolution looked as if it would be checked by the Obregon Government within a very short time but to the present writing no progress has been made toward peace, instead the rebellion has spread to seventeen of the twenty eight states of the republic since the outbreak less than three weeks ago.

With President's recent recognition of the Obregon Government it seemed that Mexico was about to return to a safe and sound basis again, but like a bolt out of a clear sky, Adolfo de la Huerta, a life long friend of Obregon, and until recently Minister of Finance in the Obregon Cabinet turned against the president and also General Calles, Minister of War. General Sanchez sided with Huerta and almost overnight they had armed a small army along the Gulf coast.

On the heels of the news of the outbreak came news that Vera Cruz, the principal seaport of Mexico, was in the hands of the rebels, and the poor Mexican population got into the fight not realizing what they are fighting for but just because everybody else was doing it. It seems to be in their blood to rise up in arm just before every presidential election to see their candidate put into office.

Since Porfirio Diaz was exiled in 1911, Mexico has had seven presidents: Francisco de la Barra, Francisco Y. Madero, Victoriano Huerta, Francisco Carranza, Venustiano Carranza, Adolfo de la Huerta and Alvaro Obregon. And unless Obregon can put a speedy end to the present situation it looks as if there will be an eighth. Huerta, leader of the revolution, served as president during the interval between the killing of Carranza and the election of Obregon. The real cause of the political split is on account of the coming election with President Obregon a strong supporter of Calles as his successor while Huerta is equally as strong opposed.

After the revolution had been launched at Vera Cruz with General Sanchez and de la Huerta as its leaders, there was a proclamation issued by Huerta charging the President with many things which if proven true should force him out of office at the earliest possible time. Among some of the charges are: That Obregon had plotted the assassination of certain deputies. That he had nullified by executive order the Supreme Court of the nation. That he sought to control the election machinery and that he has armed political agitators, while on the other hand the friends of Obregon strongly deny all charges made by de la Huerta and charge that Huerta as minister of finance plunged the nation into bankruptcy and that he had been incompetent as a public official and ingrate as a friend.

For about six years, the United States has maintained an embargo against arms and ammunition going into Mexico, cross the border, but it seems that some one has been laying in a supply in the Gulf coast town, thus explaining why the revolution began in the Eastern part of the republic instead of on the northern border as is usually the custom.

A TONIC FOR ALL THIS CHRISTMAS

W. B. Landrum in his address before the Lions Friday gave expression to some splendid thoughts of interest to every citizen here, gems which we are glad to reproduce, because of their unquestionable worth.

They follow:

"At this season when the old year is being ushered out and the new year invited in, it is customary to take stock or 'check up' on our business affairs. Our taxes are due; the income man comes around to 'check up' on those who are fortunate, or unfortunate, enough to have to pay income tax.

"I think, we should 'check up' on ourselves, and see how we stand with our fellow Lions, our neighbors, yes, and our Lord. We pass this way but once, and our greatest desire should be to do all the good we can, to all the people we can, in every way we can, at all times we can.

"When I was a boy in old Kentucky, my grandmother used to 'check up' on me pretty often, but more especially in the Spring of the year. She would tell me my blood was too thin. (We really do today need thick-blooded, red-blooded Americans). She would make me drink sassafras tea, dogwood root bitters, and wild cherry bark bitters. Dogwood root and wild cherry bark will absolutely ruin the palatableness of anything on earth. These were bitter doses and hard to take, but there was no choosing on my part, I took them.

"I have some tonics here today I wish to prescribe to the members of the Lions' Club.

"First is the INFORMATION TONIC. This should be taken in small broken doses. It is impossible to assimilate all information at one time.

"When important issues are presented to us we should inform ourselves as to the merits or demerits of them. Were we properly informed we would be for many things we are now against, and against many things we are now for. I believe had the people of Mexia informed themselves, we would now have an up-to-date, workable charter under which Mexia could go forward and accomplish the things we are all hoping will be accomplished.

"Next I wish to prescribe the PEP TONIC. The 'P' stands for Preparation, the 'E' for energy and enthusiasm, and the 'P' for persistency.

"William J. Bryan says: 'Success may be defined as the conjunction of opportunity with the preparedness to meet it.'

"Preparation is very important. Young men and young ladies go to college to prepare for life. A young man who had

GUEST OF THE HEART

By Ben R. Hunt.

CHRISTMAS TIDE

The Christmas tide is coming,
There's sorrow on the hill;
O Christ, make us a blessing
To souls now sad and ill!

The Christmas tide is coming
To those upon the hill,
And we shall ease their burdens
For Christ is with us still!

Oh, I shall carry tidings
To sorrowed ones and ill
And there shall be great gladness
For those upon the hill!

The world would have no trouble,
In valley or on hill,
If hearts were kind and tender
To those now poor and ill!

The Greatness of Little Things

THE GROWTH OF THE REPUBLIC

E. D. Shurter, Director General of the American Citizenship League, recently called attention to the marvelous growth of this nation from a small beginning:

In part he said:
"Did you ever try to visualize the panorama of our Republic as it unfolds itself from small beginnings to its present gigantic proportions?"

"First, we see groups of widely separated communities making common cause in behalf of the ancient guarantees of Anglo-Saxon liberty; then jealous colonies not yet capable of realizing the real opportunity of democracy, yet striving after some semblance of union amid the clash of jealous interests; then a written document, the most wonderful and the most important in all history, composed through tragic compromises and such discouragements as only a group possessing high sense and almost superhuman foresight could overcome; then a young Republic, though still lacking complete unity, yet virile, confident and led by men who were at once experienced, wise and consecrated to the high principles of the government which their written Constitution had established; then followed a period of development under the leadership of such geniuses as Marshall, Webster, Clay and Calhoun."

"Then the tragic necessity of removing the evil growth of slavery which had been left by the hard necessities of compromise on the part of the delegates to the constitutional convention; then with a reunited nation, with a continent whose resources challenge the best efforts of its citizens, aided by a new world of steam and force and modern industry and our free institutions have completed the picture of the great World Republic which we today behold—the only Republic on earth of any such vast proportions, a Republic whose beginnings were rooted in eternal principles, whose development bears most favorable comparison with that of any other nation in all history, whose ideals are the highest, and whose flag is loved and respected, while other flags are only feared."

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CITIZENSHIP Thought for the Day

Abilene has attracted the attention of the country this year because of the championship football team the high school in that state has put out the season just closed.

All over the state the question is being asked: "How does Abilene, a comparatively small city manage to turn out great high school football teams like that of this year and like those of past years which have likewise attracted attention?"

The coach of the squad has answered the question, showing the importance of beginning early in athletic training.

He says:
"Abilene has an athletic system that starts in the grammar schools. Every public school in the city has its coach and football team, and through that medium a wealth of material is discovered and developed. There are only five ward schools in Abilene, but they turn out more than a dozen good football teams each year. By the time a student reaches high school he has had experience and training. The finishing touches then are all that are needed to turn them out into champion ship machines."

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Letters from People

MEMORIAL BUILDING

Editor,
New, Mexia.
I wish to give my endorsement to Mr. J. Desenberg's proposal as to an auditorium and American Legion Memorial Building.

There are no more liberal, charitable or public spirited citizens than J. Desenberg, Julius Nussbaum and their good wives and families. Joseph Nussbaum was of the same type and we would like to see him come back to Mexia and be one of us again.

When a citizen of this calibre and type makes a proposal, you may know that it has been thought out along the right lines and that it is both practical and feasible and should be supported and endorsed by every public spirited citizen.

A. T. SCHULZ.
(Editor's comment: The News will be glad to hear from all other citizens in regard to what they think of Mr. Desenberg's proposal above mentioned.)

McALLEN.—Bonds totaling \$50,000 to be issued for street and sewer improvements.

To accommodate the late shopper, the Kaufman Street Grocery will be open until ten o'clock Monday night, Christmas Eve. J. P. Dunaway, prop.

LOST—One amber ear screw, in business section of Mexia. Finder please return to A. M. Wessons Jewelry shop and get reward. 23D1

been to college came home and said, 'Father, I am through; I got my A. B.' 'Good,' said the proud father, 'Now, go out and get your J-O-B.' He had made the preparation, but it takes the energy to go out and get a job.

"The last ingredient—persistency—is very necessary. Many of us are good beginners, but few of us are good finishers. There are many race horses that can run a fast quarter or half, but it takes a Zev or In Memoriam to run a mile and a half and finish strong. Many of us are quarter horses but few of us are Zevs or in In Memoriams.

"The last tonic I wish to mention is SANDINE or PURE GRIT. Stick-to-it-ive-ness; 'Fight it out on this line if it takes all winter' spirit.

"If the members of the Lions' Club will take these tonics, I predict we will accomplish wonderful things for Mexia during the coming year of 1924."

I have always thought of Christmas time, when it has come round, apart from the veneration due to its sacred name and origin, if anything belonging to it can be apart from that—as a good time; a kind, forgiving, charitable, pleasant time.—Charles Dickens.

CENTRAL TEXAS PRESS

By N. P. Houx.



A pathetic story comes from New York that a young woman 23 years old offers to sell her eyes to any one who will give her enough to keep her from want. Says she has seen enough of the world and is willing to live the balance of her life in darkness.

Young man, you cannot spend a dollar that you have never earned. Remember this; can't be done.—McKinney Courier-Gazette.

The Dickens he can't! Lots of boys now-a-days are spending lots of dollars that they did not earn. And some of them will be "up against it" if they ever have to go to "earning."

Any man opposed to the dry law can discourse for hours explaining that the country is worse off now than it was when it was openly wet. But all this will not alter the fact that there are usually only from one fourth to one-half as many men in the Jasper county jail now as there used to be in the old days when booze flowed free.—Carthage (Mo.) Press.

Maybe some of them are in their graves, since the modern booze kills more than it formerly did.

As a general thing, the kind of man who tells you prohibition is a farce will soon ask if you know where he might get a drink.—Snap Shots.

No doubt the fact that he cannot get a drink is the reason he thinks it is a farce.

An Idaho college president says the Nation is too full of censors. That is a swipe at us w-e reformers. But we scorn such thrusts and shall go forward until we succeed in getting the mote out of every neighbor's eye.—Geo. Bailey in Houston Post.

That professor is dead wrong. There are not enough censors to keep down the rotten, suggestive songs that we continually hear on the vaudeville stage, and often in parlors when the "music machine" is playing the latest popular record. And also, there are pictures flashed before the children of the country that are too vile for even grown people to look at. We either have too few censors or else they are laying down on the job.

A girl friend of ours when told that dishpans are now being used for antennae said she didn't know what that was, but she wasn't going to have anything to do with dish pans for any purpose.—Palestine Herald.

Dishpans and darning needles and scrubbing brushes and babies all are things a good many girls of our day avoid, even as the devil is said to avoid holy water; and therein lies in part, no doubt, the explanation of the constantly increasing ratio of divorces to marriages in this country. Another part of it lies in the laziness, extravagance and immorality of a good many of our young men.—Terrell Transcript.

What a terrible state of affairs, to be sure? And yet there is considerable truth in it all.

The Hustler is grateful for all the many kindnesses shown it during the past year. It has not been as successful in a business way as has been the case in some of the past years, but its business has been entirely satisfactory; enough so to begin the new year with a clean slate and a clear conscience.—Thornton Hustler.

A clean slate and a clear conscience! Man alive! You are rich and don't seem to realize it. A clear conscience is enough to make a fellow feel happy, but to have a clean slate with it, Lucky Joe House. But Joe deserves it.

A Bachelor Prince.
It is about the Prince of Wales is about to "abdicate" and renounce his rights to the throne of England, because he refuses to get married. Evidently he prefers "absolute freedom" to a crown with strings tied to it, and home "ties."—Nick Houx in Mexia News.

The Prince seems to be a natural born bachelor. He either has a very low regard for the emoluments of kingly office or a very high regard for personal freedom. He "pants not for public honors nor will he disturb his quiet with the affairs of state," or with the affairs of matrimony.—Sam Miller in Mineral Wells Index.

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We charge 25c for all gasoline and tire service calls inside of the city limits; 50c per mile thereafter. A charge of 25c to everyone for taking off and putting on chains. Mexia Battery & Tire Co., Inc., Nos. One and Three Stations. 18-10

Chief of Police J. A. Thompson went to Dallas Wednesday night on business for his department.

OPEN HOUSE ON MONDAY NIGHT IS SUCCESS

The House Opening night at the High School Monday night was well attended by the patrons of the school and everyone marveled at the magnificence of the building. The weather was not at all ideal but about seven or eight hundred people braved the workings of Jupiter Pluvius and were well justified in their efforts, for a most delightful program was rendered.

The people were met at the door by the officers of the Nairators Club, the boys organization, and were then turned over to the members of the club who escorted them through the building. They explained everything as much as possible and in the Manual Training workshops there were members of the organization who showed them all of the tricks about the machinery and made several small pieces of work as samples. The exhibit of the Manual Training classes were very interesting and much comment was passed on the work being done by the boys this year and much credit was given to their instructor, Mr. Evans. The Mechanical Drawing Room exhibit caused quite a bit of comment also.

The Home Economics rooms were visited by practically everyone, where everything was explained to them by members of the H. E. classes. There were several specimens of the work on exhibit which were declared by some to be exceptionally good.

At eight o'clock the crowd assembled in the auditorium for the program of the evening. The first number were several songs by the girls' Glee Club under the direction of Miss Ledbetter. Mr. Puckett, supt. of the city schools, made a few introductory remarks welcoming the citizens and patrons of the town and school. He introduced, as the first speaker of the evening, Judge W. M. White, president of the Board of Education, who, in his talk, presented the building to the citizens of the town. He stated that Texas ranked very low in education but that Mexico was not to blame at all, for she had done all possible to further her school system by obtaining the best faculty possible, building a fine structure for the accommodation of the pupils and having a fine curriculum. He gave the names of several towns of the state that were of comparatively the same size as Mexico and the number of units of affiliation that their school had. (He also gave the largest number of affiliation of units). San Antonio has 48 1/2 units, Dallas 48, Fort Worth 40, Houston 39, Corsicana 28, Waco, 25 1/2, Groesbeck 20 1/2, Teague, 21 1/2, Taylor 26, Temple 27, Marlin 33 1/2, Mart 22 1/2, and Mexia 31 units.

Mr. Ben S. Smith was the next speaker and he accepted the school building for the citizens of the town. He spoke in highest regards of the building and its equipment and voiced the appreciation of the town people for the building.

Next was another song by the girls' glee club, which was followed by a talk from Principal Roy M. Andrews on the work that we are doing here and what we intend to do in the future. Next came a drill by the girls physical training class, under the direction of Miss Anne Earle.

Immediately after this number, which concluded the main program, the girls were invited to the cafeteria where they were served, as they made their way to the gymnasium where the girls were playing volleyball and other games for their amusement. About eleven o'clock nearly everyone had departed and old Mexia was left alone for the remainder of the night.

ENVOY AND MRS. HOPPER SEND GREETINGS FROM ARIZONA SALVATION ARMY

Friends of Envy and Mrs. Joe Hopper of Arizona, former Salvation Army workers in Mexico, are receiving Christmas greetings from them in their new field of labor. Their greeting is:

"Just a word to you this morning
In the good old fashioned way,
'Merry Christmas and God bless you'
Other times we will meet again
But I like the peace and blessing
For this day of all the year
'Merry Christmas and God bless you'
With His best of Christmas cheer."

F. E. Reynolds, president of the Mexia Board of Education, has sent his greetings to the citizens of Mexia from the same place. Mr. Reynolds has been coming and going the firm every year to the establishment and has many friends here. He is well liked.

MEMPHIS.—Construction of \$119,000 high school building nearing completion.

Keep your money at home by trading at home.

Campus Chatter

The Christmas edition of the Black Cat made its appearance to the students of the High School Friday afternoon just before school was dismissed. It is bound in a red cover with all of the printing done in black ink with the Black Cat showing up well on the cover.

We haven't had a chance to read one of them as yet but we hope to see that they come up to the expectation of all of the student body. Misses Margarita Franks and Leta Mae McCravy and Charley Wofford are to be congratulated on the work that they have done in the publication of this book.

We read in the Pantherette where they knew a person who ate so much angel food cake that he felt like the devil for a few days.

They say that some women know that they are pretty but that they want someone else to tell them so. We find it quite so in many cases.

They say that two heads are better than one but we think that one head should be able to do all of the work that two could do without much trouble.

Miss Earle hopes to be eating candy on Sunday and we hope that she will be too. No, we won't get any of it, at least we are not expecting to but we know that—Oh, well!

Kill two birds with one stone is the old adage but that is not the same these days. Who knows about it.

The seniors were entertained Thursday night by the Sophs with a kid party held in the gym. All present went back several years in appearance and knee pants, socks, rompers, short calico dresses and ribbon on the hair were very much in evidence. Many apples and much candy was devoured as well as was pop corn and chewing gum. Everyone had a most wonderful time. The gym was decorated in Christmas colors and a small Christmas tree occupied a portion of the room. Old Santa himself made his appearance during the ceremonies and gave presents to everyone.

Lelia Parker asked Buddie Storey if he was going to dress as a little boy for the party and Buddie replied that he was, and asked if she was going to do the same. "Why of course not," replied Lelia, "I'm going to dress as a little girl."

The curtain on the stage came down Monday night at the house opening and we are thinking that there will have to be another one put up in its place. This one has never given any satisfaction what ever and we want that if nothing else.

Navarro Shriners To Hold New Year Dance The 31st

Navarro County Shrine Club, to celebrate with a big time and dance to be given at the Elks Club, in Corsicana, December 31st, all Nobles from this section are cordially invited and demanded to be there by the President of the Shrine Club, Noble John C. Calhoun; the fun will start at 3 p. m. and last till 2:22:22.

Noble Calhoun would like to know how many to expect and instructs the Nobles of this section to confer with Frank C. Bolton, president of the Mexia Shrine Club and let him know if they are going. Do it now.

Miss Frances Corley, daughter of Mr. and Mrs. J. R. Corley is spending the week end in Fort Worth where she is a member of a bridal party. She has been attending S. M. U. at Dallas and following her Fort Worth visit she will return for the holidays with her folks.

M. P. Will, of Hearne was a recent visitor here.

WILL HORNSBY PLAY WITH GIANTS OR WITH ST. LOUIS IS QUESTION; FARRELL SAYS WITH ST. LOUIS!

By HENRY L. FARRELL
(United Press Staff Correspondent)
NEW YORK, Dec. 22.—"Five to one odds doesn't play with the Giants next year. Odds also that he plays in St. Louis."

James J. Tierney, secretary of the Giants hurled "this stopper" to the report that John McGraw, manager of the National League champions on his return from Europe today would announce that he had fixed up the deal for Hornsby before he went on his vacation.

"The Giants have no room for Hornsby. We have the greatest second baseman in the league, the best third baseman and the coming great shortstop. We don't need Hornsby," Tierney said.

Tierney didn't go into the need of now.

the Giants for a gate attraction to compete with the world championship pennant and the great Babe Ruth that the Yankees will be sporting across the river next year.

Despite insistence of Giant officials that the Hornsby deal is cold, New York has accepted the "show me" attitude and will not believe that the St. Louis star is not a Giant until he starts working in another uniform next spring.

Even if the deal with St. Louis has been called off, another trade may be pulled that will bring Hornsby here from another club. The Giants have to do something to meet the red menace that will be big next year. Nobody expects the Giant leader to try for another pennant with what he has now.

"TONIES FOR THE LIONS" INTERESTS CLUB FRIDAY

At a meeting of the Lions Club called at 12:30 Friday two new members were added. They were, V. B. Gardner and Charlie Clover.

The meeting was one of the most epochal in the history of the organization, a history which reveals much splendid achievement in making Mexico what it is today.

After a short talk by President J. K. Hughes, the club on his motion voted to give \$50.00 to the Salvation Army in the interest of Christmas charity.

A committee consisting of J. DeSember, George Peyton, and Gene Sinclair was then appointed to start a safety council in this city fostered by the Lions. This move is a worthy one on the part of the Club and is to be commended by every true citizen who wishes to see the lives of people rated at a higher value than is generally accorded them on our modern city streets.

The meeting was then turned over to Lion Landrum, the leader for the day, who led a very beautiful and interesting Christmas program. His talk on "Tonic for the Lions" was as much enjoyed as it was instructive.

A solo was rendered by Lion Bell with Mrs. Roy Akin at the piano after which the club listened to a splendid talk on the origin of Christmas by Lion Deaves. Musical numbers were rendered by Mr. and Mrs. Harper and Rev. Joe Jeffers.

Guests introduced were P. M. Keller of Belton and Mr. Hunter, an eastern capitalist, who were here in the interest of the cotton mills.

In spite of the Christmas rush and the bad weather about forty were in attendance and president Hughes expressed himself as highly appreciative of the faithfulness of the members.

The club adjourned to meet immediately in the office of Blake Smith to discuss the matter of the cotton mills.

Woman Has Narrow Escape From Fire

An accident in the Spreng Building at the corner of Commerce and Paris streets came very near proving fatal to Mrs. William Kinow Friday about noon. The lady's clothing became ignited from one of the gas stoves in the second story of the building. Hearing her scream as she rushed from the room, William Spreng, who was passing, shouted at her to lie down. She did so and with Mr. Spreng's assistance the flames were extinguished. Nothing beyond minor burns was suffered by Mrs. Kinow. Mr. Spreng was burned a little about the hands.

A dime bank has been arranged in the rear cover of a savings bank book.

Postal Employees To Eat Dinner Christmas Day Same As Others

ORDER WILL GIVE RURAL CARRIERS WHOLE DAY—HALF DAY TOCITY CARRIERS.

Postmaster General Will H. Hays emphasized that he called the humanizing of the postal service during his administration. By which he meant recognition of a more kindly consideration of employees, the chivalrous element in the courtesies that do honor to the human side of service and make men feel that they are in fellowship with the great heads of departments and that they are individual and integral parts of the biggest and most efficient postal system in all the world.

In furtherance of this idea the spirit of kindness has found expression specifically in a recent order of Postmaster General Harry S. New and his aides, to the effect that all postal employees shall eat Christmas dinner at home at the usual time when all other people have their feast. To this end it is ordered that city carriers shall not make any deliveries after noon on Christmas day, and that rural carriers shall not make any deliveries at all on that day.

Heretofore rural carriers have invariably traveled their routes and delivered their mail on Christmas day the same as on other days. There is no reason why they should serve while others are taking holiday. It is unfair to require city or rural carriers to forego the pleasure of the greatest of all holidays which everybody else can enjoy so freely, it is stated. This order from the postmaster general and the department heads is only one of their many thoughtful and kindly efforts to humanize the service and the fairness and justice of the concession will be appreciated not only by postal employees but by the people generally.

The rain of the past week has apparently had little effect in decreasing the amount of mail being handled in local offices. All the mail bags that Postmaster Isidore Newman could secure have been utilized in handling a volume of mail which belies the idea that there has been a business depression here. Truck load after truck load of mail has been going out of here for the past several days. Mail

from Teague placed on trains in the afternoon, too, have indicated a big business for Uncle Sam in the neighboring town.

There are many dirty roads to be crossed in life, but with a little patience you will always be able to find a clean crossing.

C. A. Dawson of Cisco was in the city Tuesday.

Charley H. Winston of Waco was in Mexia on business Tuesday.

To Our Friends and Customers

We wish to thank you for your liberal patronage during this year which is about to close, and to extend our best wishes for a very Happy Christmas, doubled up with a most Prosperous New Year.

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J. P. Dunaway, Prop.

GIFTS for the HOME

Just one more day left before Santa arrives and we still have an unlimited number of articles in our store that would make ideal gifts. Of course, most of you have bought your gifts but to those that have not we would suggest that you call around and look over our stock. We would be glad to make any suggestions we can to help you.

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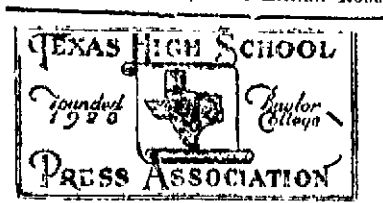
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YULETIDE CHEER

By WILLIE WRIGHT

Yuletide approaches and with it comes many treats and surprises, to mention nothing of the cold weather, some snow perhaps, meeting of old friends, many presents and last but not least, the many good eats which will adorn the tables this next week. The end of the year also draws near as we celebrate the holidays and we have many thoughts concerning the past year, what it has brought, and we hold high expectation of what the forthcoming New Year may bring to us.

To the students of all schools it holds many more joys than for anyone else perhaps, for they are free from those long hours of diligent study and preparation that they are making for their future life. They will get to frolic with their old friends who have been off attending school and they will make many more new acquaintances during the holidays.

Christmas is a time of good cheer and happy thoughts for everyone. It has been quite a number of years since the three wise men followed the star to Bethlehem that night on that memorable night with their many sad gifts for the new born King. But that has ended the world to stop its work on this day to pay tribute to him every year. The atmosphere is alive with the sense of the presence of something different from everyday life the Yuletide approaches.

To our many friends and kind friends we, including the students of the school, wish a most merry Christmas filled with happiness and joy. New Year bring you a full measure of actual achievement.

Athletic Season Of Black Cats For Season Just Closed One Of Success under Coach E. H. Poteet

The past football season for the Mexia Hi Black Cats under the tutelage of Ernest H. Poteet, athletic director for the school, has been unusually successful. The team started out with only five letter men from last year's squad. These men were Buddie Storey, an end, Dub Kendrick, backfield, Malcolm Williams, backfield, Dick Williams, line man and Wayne Thompson a line man. Towards the first of the season Kendrick, Storey and Dick Williams received injuries that held them out of both games and practice for quite a time.

With the return of Loy (Dutch) Cox from Terrill Training School at Dallas, to play his second year on the Black Cat squad and his third one of high school football, the team was strengthened very much. Dutch was elected captain of the squad and he was a tower of defense for them. He gave the boys the spirit which only the Black Cats have both on the offense and the defense.

With more or less of a green squad to start work with, Poteet worked out an excellent machine against which only 19 points were scored and they scored a total of 141.

The prospects for the next year grid team is exceedingly bright as only three or four men will be lost. It is true that these men were mainstays in the Cats line and backfield but they will not be quite as hard to fill had they been vacant at the beginning of the past season. Dub Kendrick will graduate this year and his presence will be missed by the players and fans enthusiasts of the city and school. Buddie Storey and Omar Seely will receive their sheepskins from Mexia-Hi in June and the Black Cat line will have to hunt up two good line men for their positions.

Wayne Thompson, star tackle on the Black Cat squad for the past two years, has been elected to the captainship for the coming season and he will make a good one without a doubt. He knows the game well, knows how to play it and best of all he is a clean sport.

Another thing that was overlooked in the first of this article was that never during the season did the Black Cat squad or Captain have a squabble with an official over any ruling made. This is a most creditable point in their favor but they were all sports and took what was coming to them at every turn.

Coach Poteet is to be congratulated on the team that he coached for the school and here is hoping that he will be with them again to coach an even better team.

bunch against the second pick of the Coolidge five. Mills at center; Stokes and Forrest at forwards and Bennett and Buford at guards. They were outplayed but they made their shots count for five points which was one more than the Coolidge boys could make. The Coolidge team had a big handicap in that they used too long passes and took too long shots at the basket. These shots failed every time. Forrest threw a foul goal and Mills and Buford rang up two field goals for the counters.

In the second half each team started the regular first string, Coach Poteet using Treadway and Lucas at forwards, Wofford at center, and Thompson and Cox at guards. They were outplayed by the Coolidge boys but the Coolidge five followed in the same tracks of the second string five by taking too many long shots and passes and the Black Cats rang up four field goals and one free goal from a foul. Lucas played his usual good game at forward and Treadway was right on his heels at the same position. The final score stood Mexia 14, Coolidge 10.

The Mexia Hi girls lost to the Coolidge girls but they played clean ball throughout the game.

Looking Back at Sports.
The Black Cats had an exceptionally good year with the football squad and we are hoping that they have a better one next year. It is whispered that Barney Treadway will not be back but the young gent states that that question is far from settled at the present. Barney is a coming star of the high schools and the belief is that he will make as valuable a player as Dub Kendrick. He is, according to some critics, a decided better sidestepper than Dub and he can plunge the line as well as he can side step. That Kendrick is a better kicker and passer than Treadway, is not disputed but when it comes to receiving passes Treadway was one of the best on the squad.

Nairators Club Holds Interest In Fine Meeting One Act Play Presented By School Girls

By Willie Wright
The Nairator Club of the High School held its regular meeting in the auditorium Thursday afternoon immediately after the dismissal of school. This meeting was the best that they have ever had and those who were absent missed the treat of their lives.

W. B. Kendrick, president of the club presided at the meeting and the first form of amusement, after the usual preliminaries were disposed of was a debate. The subject for discussion was "Resolved that the giving of Christmas gifts today is not with the same thought as it was at the birth of Christ." Robert Storey and Dick

Buford took the affirmative and Mack Walters and George Blitch defended the negative side of the question. After much laughter at the comical sayings of the debaters the judges were asked to retire and to return the verdict. The decisions were in favor of the negative.

Next came the surprise which was arranged by Miss McCravery. Miss Jessie Mae Sherrer gave a dance which pleased the audience very much. Miss Mary Adele Woodard favored the club with two clever Christmas readings. Last but not least was a clever dance by Miss Miriam Bass. These were enjoyed by the club very much and we thank Miss McCravery for it.

Next came another surprise in the form of a big box of home made candy from Miss McCravery and the boys ate and ate and ate.

Miss McCravery prided herself saying that she was the only person who knew just what the whole program for the day was but when she heard one announcement she withdrew her statement. The club presented her a gold fountain pen and a gold pencil. To Coach Ernest H. Poteet, an honorary member of the organization, was presented a belt, with belt buckle and cuff buttons to match. Coach (that's what we all call him) thanked the club very much for the present and told them that he was with them at all times.

They adjourned to meet Thursday, January 3rd, 1924.

brought roars from the listeners in her plea to the jury for the unfortunate victim.

Extensive improvements are being added by Allen Hatch to his home on Canton street. That area of the residential district, in which the Hatch home is located, is one of the beauty

spots in Mexia, being enhanced in beauty constantly, with new and handsome homes and noteworthy improvements to older ones.

A girl seldom has occasion to cry for help when a young man kisses her—probably because he is able to help himself.

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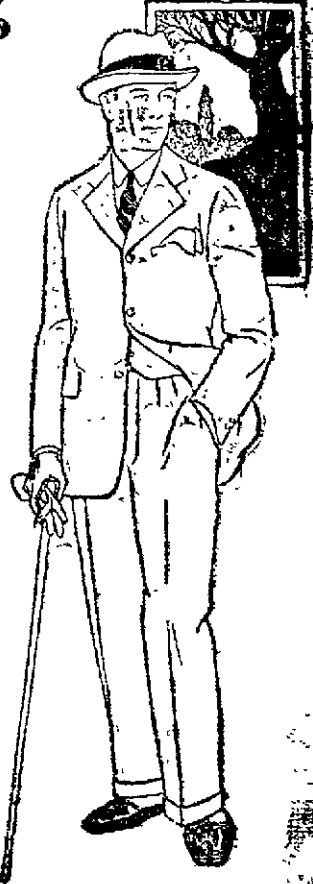
\$26.50 to \$37.50

\$16.95

Sale of Men's All-Wool O'Coats

All wool materials, light and dark shades for men and young men, during this sale, values up to \$35—

\$26.25



Sale of Silk and Wool Dresses

—Brand new Silk and Wool Dresses Satins, Cantons and Poiret Twills, during this sale, up to \$32.50 values—

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Sale of Men's and Young Men's All-Wool Suits

1-4 OFF
on All Men's and Boys' Suits

The Famous Dry Goods Store

115 East Commerce Mexia, Texas

We have received a new stock of Christmas Cards, also a new shipment of Books

GIVE BOOKS FOR CHRISTMAS



R. A. (DICK) WAGNER COMPANY, Inc.
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It is the "Black Cat" Advertiser who makes that contribution possible. No one but who the literary talent of the students might be made to be efficient the staff; no matter how skilled the student, without the financial support of the advertiser the high school magazine would be only a dream without a possibility of materializing.

Although only one issue of the publication is made, it encourages and encourages the student to the creative talent of the Mexia High School. The staff of the magazine is made up of the most successful students of the school, and the staff of the magazine is made up of the most successful students of the school, and the staff of the magazine is made up of the most successful students of the school.

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Mrs. Engle: "Will some one please tell me what are the two genders?"
Herman Duggott: "Masculine and feminine. The masculines are divided into temperate and intemperate, while the feminines are divided into good and bad."

NUTS FROM THE CHRISTMAS TREE

Sophomore Poems

Telephone Girls
On The Job on
Christmas Day

Dinner Is Served

Physiology Class
Hears Address on
Eye By PittmanMEWIA ELKS TO
HAVE DANCE
CHRISTMAS
NIGHT

Morris Knox sent in the following bill to one of his dad's patrons: "Ten comes, 10 goes, at 50c a went. Total \$5.00."

Slime: "I notice where Marguerite has left town after a short stop."

Ditto: "I'm not surprised for she was always athletically inclined."

Coach Potest: "Not a man on the squad will be given liberty this afternoon."

Voice: "Give me liberty or give me death."

Coach: "Who said that?"

Voice: "Patrick Henry."

"This let's me out," said the large toe as the shoe rubbed a hole in the sock.

Miss Earle: "What do cannibals do with the heads of their victims?"

Maurice Robinson: "Probably make noodle soup of them."

Buddy Storey: "Say, pop, do the heathen wear pants?"

Mr. Storey: "No-sh-h-h."

Buddy: "Then why did you put those pants buttons in the collection box today?"

Ila Mae Overstreet: "Say, Vera Jean, what would you give for hair like mine?"

Vera Jean: "Oh, I don't know. What did you give?"

Adam and Eve had an awful time, Truly I'm no liar; They couldn't own an automobile. Because they lacked a tire.

A little moonlight now and then Marries off the best of men.

Mr. Potest: Our cook always cooks our boiled eggs too hard.

Mr. Hill: "Why you are lucky. We can't get ours to stay that long."

The Cannibals Choral Society will gather after the consumption of the new missionary and sing, "Where is the Dear Old Grad-U-Ate?"

Exchange.

Mr. Potest: "How do I know that you were at Miss ———'s house last night? I saw your car standing in front of the house on Hopkins Street."

W. R.: "Well maybe so, but I saw your shirt at the laundry yesterday but you were not there."

IS THIS TRUE LOVE

I asked my love to marry me; She smiled and said in sorrow, "I can't answer you, today, Perhaps I'll know tomorrow."

Tomorrow came I saw her not; I looked in many places, I sought her in the city crowds, I found only stranger faces.

I waited until the autumn time; When the leaves were turning yellow Then I saw that she had gone And married the other fellow.

And then I drowned my sigh in tears; And then I tried a merry whirl, And in about a month or so I married my other girl.

—Exchange.

MATHEMATICS AS TAUGHT BY

Love—Two equals nothing.
Kiss—Nothing divided by two.
Marriage—One plus one equals one.
Divorce—One from one leaves two.

Kiss—Take any given number from one and it will leave any given number.

HORSES BARRED FROM ASPHALT

Not so many years ago, "horseless carriages," as the first automobiles were called, were ordered off the streets of at least one Indiana city. Now the order has been reversed, for in Terre Haute horse-drawn vehicles are prohibited from using certain streets in the down-town district. Exception is made, however, for horse-drawn delivery wagons.

Trucks or wagons can not use any asphalt-paved street in Terre Haute except from the nearest intersection to the destination.

Marvin Bennett: "What did you mean by telling Clara Belle that I was a fool?"

Buddie Storey: "Well, pardon me old top, I didn't know that it was a secret."

Mr. Auld: "I have a chance for the track team."

Mack Walters: "Are they going to raffle it off?"

My Girl

By CARLOS CLOVER

All the boys have girls it seems, To whom they tell their dreams; My girl's voice seems to me, Sweeter than any voice could be. She's got white hair—just like the snow; And eyes, blue like the skies you know. She stands by me through life's hard toil, No matter what troubles around me coil. Speaking of girls, I have no other For my girl is—my MOTHER.

Sing A Song of Christmas

By ROY AKIN

Sing a song of Christmas, Pockets empty as can be; Forty-seven sweethearts Expect to hear from me.

But I'll meet it like a man, And borrow all the money I can; Isn't that an awful way, To ruin my only holiday.

Fame

REUBEN (Leadfoot) STOREY While I puzzle my head over E's, Or dream of the time I'll rule Texas;

I can hear some poor old Soph say: "I'd a poem in the Black Cat Friday."

He feels that he has won renown, His name's in every shack in town; So his heart is singing roundelay: "I'd a poem in the Black Cat Friday."

Jack (Carbolic) Mills was standing in front of Tidwell's Grocery Friday morning looking at a fish of unusual size. Finally he remarked to Dutch Cox, "The man that caught that fish was a liar."

Miss Ross: "Miriam Bass, will you please decline the verb amo for me?"

Miriam: "Yes, I'm afraid I'll have to."

Ila Mae: "Would you put yourself out for me?"

So and so: "I certainly would."

Ila Mae: "Well, please do. It's after twelve and I'm so tired."

Personal Item: Miss Katie Blank, a Batesville belle of twenty summers, is visiting her twin brother, Horace, age thirty two.

NATIONAL
Monday - Tuesday
and Wednesday

PRINCIPLES OF PUBLIC SERVICE

The rates you pay for Electric service are based on the cost of the service, which includes a fair return on the amount of capital represented by the value of the property employed in the service.

This is in accord with the informed public opinion and is imported in the franchise obligations of the company. Another obligation of the Electric company is that it must serve all who come well and without favor.

This is a picture of mutuality of interest between the utility company and the people who need its services. The company is entitled to earn wages for the capital it employs. The consumers are entitled to good service all alike under like conditions.

Recognition of this truth and the good will that goes with understanding is what builds cities and makes them good places to live in.

COMMUNITY POWER & LIGHT CO. OF TEXAS

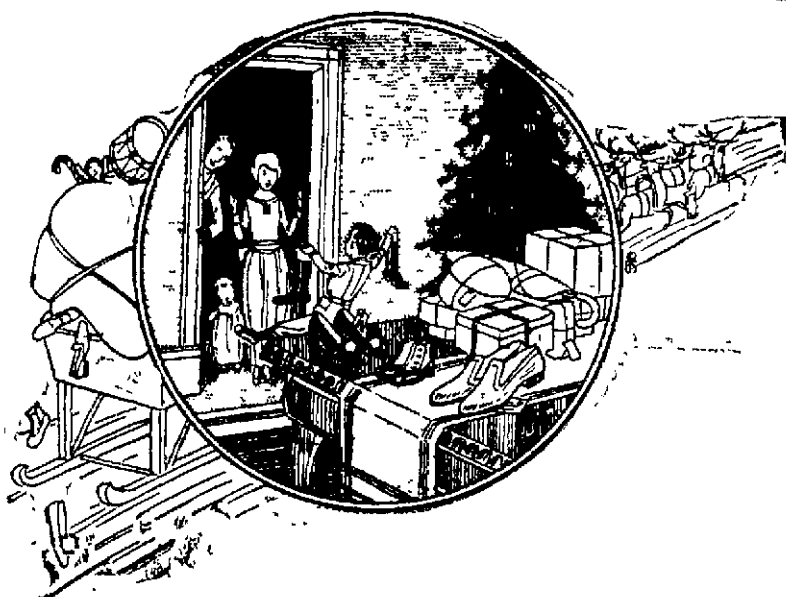
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HOSIERY

—will continue to give pleasure and service—

A subtle compliment to your own good taste and judgment.

Serviceable pure thread silk on the sheerest of chiffons at \$2.50 and \$3.50

- Black
- White
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- Mandalay
- Russia Calf
- Log Cabin
- Other
- Caster
- Mouse
- Back
- Gazelle
- Fawn
- Beige
- Nude
- Gun Metal
- Medium Gray
- Pearl
- Steel
- Zinc

Christmas Morning in the
Thoughtful Home

Secret closets and drawers have given up their mysterious packages. Days and weeks of plotting, and planning for each other's happiness have reached their climax. In the glow of the lighted tree the excited youngsters exclaim their happiness at each new discovery. There are candy and nuts and toys of course, but the children, as well as the grown ups, will be most delighted with the thoughtful, useful, practical lasting gifts that Santa Claus brought. For such are the gifts that convey the consideration for each other that makes the Thoughtful Family ideal.

GENE SINCLAIR
GOOD SHOES - HOSIERYFor Young and Old—
COMFORT SLIPPERS

None too young, none too old, to appreciate the comfort and convenience of such a gift, especially when they are such attractive, well made slippers as we are showing in styles and sizes for men, women and children.

Space forbids a detailed review of the many styles, variously priced, that make choosing here so pleasant.



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\$5.00 PER YEAR

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Our regular rates will prevail after that time.

Regular rates:
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\$2.00, three months
\$3.25, six months
\$6.00 per year

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Marlin Man Heads T. A. Association In 1924

Heck Declares A. B. Will Be A Good One Alright

By HECK

As per schedule the meeting of the Texas Association was held at the office of J. W. McLendon Friday, Dec. 21, with the following clubs represented: Waco, H. A. Dupuy; Marlin, A. B. Johnson; Mexia, J. W. McLendon, while Corsicana and Austin wired their proxies to Mr. McLendon.

A. B. Johnson of Marlin was elected president. John H. Swett of Mexia re-elected vice president, H. H. (Jinx) Tucker of Waco re-elected secretary-statistician. The new president is a well known business man of Marlin and his selection as president will meet with the approval of all the fans and club owners about the circuit who admire him not only for his ability as a baseball leader but for his clean cut sportsmanship and his ever willingness to fight for all that is good and clean for the game and I am giving you fans a tip right now that "A. B." will make a corking good president and let's all cross our fingers and hope that Santa Claus will bring us a flock of good umpires for next season.

A schedule committee composed of the Waco, Austin and Mexia clubs was appointed by the new president and everything pertaining to that end of the game will be well taken care of.

"Jinx" Tucker, sports editor of the Waco News-Tribune, was re-elected without opposition and that was sure a relief as Jinx is about the best secretary-statistician to be found in minor leagues and I know that covers a heap of territory but it goes just the same and at the same time I hand Jinx the palm for the best baseball page in the circuit—and lots of other circuits also. It looks like Dupuy and McLendon were going to swap a flock of players but I have a hunch that they both got scared that the other was pulling a "David Harum" stunt and the last I seen of them they were standing in the pouring rain in the middle of Commerce street still trying to make a trade. Dupuy has swamping material that Mexia could use but he wanted the S. P. railroad thrown in to boot. McLendon offered him the T. & P. V. but Harry wouldn't see it that way. It looks like Temple will be with us as the sixth member of the loop and I think it is already a cinch now that Johnson is president as the Tempolites are sure strong for the Marlin proxy. "Guess that won't be some keen little loop with Mexia, Waco, Marlin, Temple and Corsicana all in a bunch thataway," stated Rex Forrest after the meeting and I sure second the motion for Rex and it means much for the league as it will cut the heavy railroad expense off the books except on trips to Austin and as there are so few people ever going to Austin that the railroad companies are willing to make any kind of a rate just to get people to go there and use their depots so they can hold their insurance policies on them. Gene Sinclair didn't have a word to say the whole meeting until it closed and then he asked "when do we eat." Player deals will fly thick and fast now and there will be gobs of dope noising over the wires so keep your radio tuned in for the dope as it is turned out and I will keep you posted on the doings just as fast as I can. To all you fans, regardless of whether we agree on anything or not, I want to take this opportunity on behalf of the Mexia Baseball club and myself to extend you our best wishes for a happy holiday and our sincere wish for all the good things in life in 1924.

Right Triumphs In Act of Boy

An honest, hard-working boy who had made three dollars selling Sunday morning papers was on his way home in the northern part of town when he was overtaken by one of his boy chums. Being exuberant over his success, he engaged in a friendly trial of strength with this chum on the grass near the Central Presbyterian church. In the scuffle his money rolled from his pockets without his noticing it.

Another lad who was passing, observed the money and quickly seating himself near it, he deftly scooped it into his own pocket while the attention of the others was diverted. Then making an excuse for his early departure he left them.

Not until he was ready to go home did the lad who owned the money realize his loss. Suspicion pointed to the lad who had left so early and immediately the two boys went in search of him. They met him returning from home and proceeded to search him very unceremoniously. The one under suspicion, however, disclaimed any knowledge of the money, and in the absence of evidence he was permitted to proceed.

About an hour later the lad who had taken the money appeared at the home of the loser and produced the three dollars saying that he had found it in a hole near the church. The lad who owned the money was overjoyed and ran to tell his mother of the return of his funds. He offered to reward the finder but the offer was graciously (?) refused.

ON THE WAY DOWN TOWN

By SLYBOOTS

Saturday being one of those over-cast sky affairs, the like of which Carl Mays always rejoiced in, for the reason that he could get his fast ball working past the batter, I felt that I had better get my news nose a working and see what I could hear that might remind me of the lost arts.

At the corner of Kings High Way, or right in front of Zeno King's—(The new name that Commissioner Rex Forrest has given Ross Avenue,) and East Commerce, I found Wallace Welch and Allen Hatch in deep meditation. On drawing closer I learned that the discussion was regarding some kind of a club, of which I knew nothing, a Canadian Club, I believe it was called.

Wallace stated that the club which they were considering organizing was to be one of tried and true membership and that the pass word was to be agreed upon when the next acceptable prospective member approached. Just about that time Sam Cox came lumbering around the corner, his foot slipped and he made a grand stand stab for his hip pocket. I told him there were no high jockers around, but before I had finished Allen gleefully exclaimed "Ah there is the counter sign."

Just who can get into this club will be hard to state as these fellow citizens left me in ignorance and I was not disposed to ask any questions on the subject. Besides chief Thompson was making it snappy toward the City Hall and I know he must have a story for me. A consultation followed, as we came on down town. He told me that he had just received word from San Antonio that the traveling representative of several well known Mexia citizens had just been captured with the goods on.

At Main and McKinney, we found Dr. Lennie Metcalf looking heavenwards. I said Doctor do you think it will snow today. He said that he

didn't know and didn't care much as the weather was not hurting anything but business. "What are you doing looking at the clouds for then?" I asked the Chief. "I'll tell you," the Doctor said, adding; "My wife has gone for the holidays and I have heard that there is music in the air but that they come through waves, and I was just looking for some kind of consolation in the air."

"Poor man, poor man," I mumbled, as I left, but he brightened up considerably when I shouted back that I saw a man with his jaw wrapped up looking down the street out through

the window of his office.

Marcus Corley was in front of the Oasis as I passed there. He was engaged in serious conversation with Arvin Epperson. The very earnestness of their voices brought me to a stand still. Marcus was asking Arvin: "Would you marry a girl on ten dollars a week?" To this the one addressed replied: "Why yes, if she has a steady job."

In front of Paul Lobit's place at the corner of Commerce and Sherman Joe Jeffers, George H. Bell, and W. E. Landrum had formed a crowd. Joe was saying "When I sing I get tears

in my eyes. What can I do for this?" Bell responded: "Stuff cotton in your ears. That's what I do." Mr. Landrum was not interested in singing, so he brought the subject back to oratory. "What is the best way to acquire a flow of language?" he asked. By that time John McElroy had joined the party and chimed in for Mr. Landrum's edification: "Why just go out to Gusher park when the game's not going to suit By Heck."

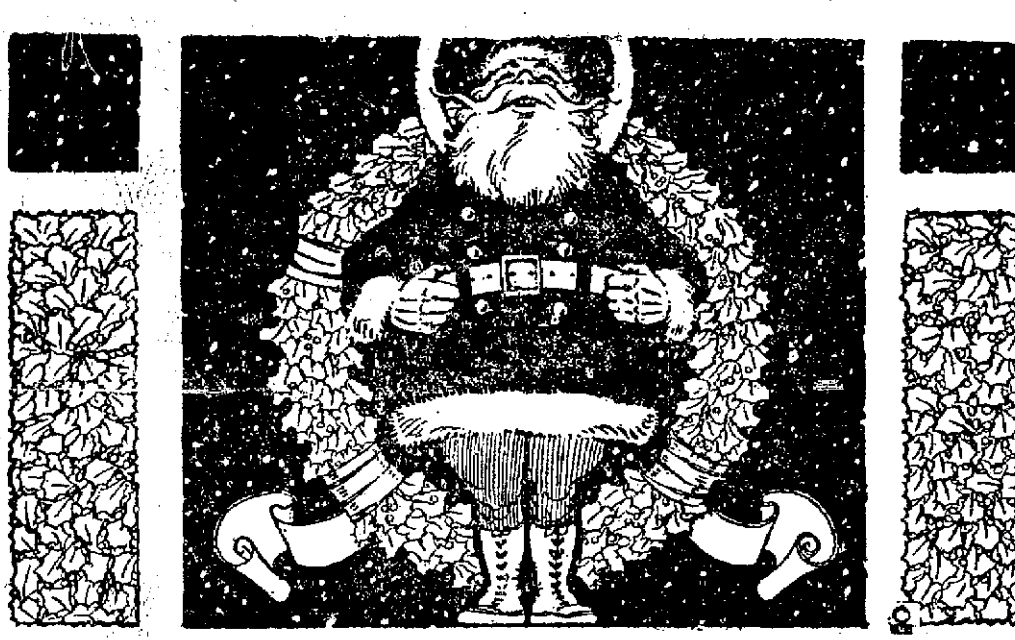
With that we left and I came on to say "Merry Christmas to you, one and all."

WANTED TO RENT—50 or 75 acres of land on third and fourth. Can furnish self. T. D. McWatters, Route 6, Mexia, Texas. 23E1

FOR SALE—One complete radio receiving set. First class condition. Phone or see J. F. Lumus at Humphreys Garage. 23J2

We charge 25c for delivering gasoline any place in the city limits, 50c mile thereafter. Applies to everyone. Mexia Battery & Tire Co., Inc. 18-16

Pay your poll tax.



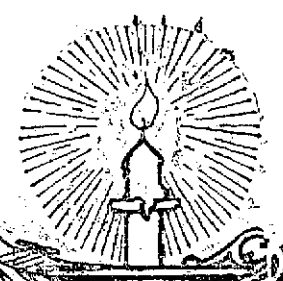
To All of Our Friends and Customers We Extend the Season's Greetings

And in the coming year it is our hope that you will prosper in a material way and gain greater wealth and contentment than ever before.

Our store will remain open Christmas Eve night until 10 o'clock in order that you may make your gift purchases.

Buy your gifts at our store—the house of a thousand gifts.

W.A. JACKSON CO.
"THE STORE AHEAD"



To Our Many Friends and Customers

—The spirit of the season prompts us to express our appreciation of your past favors and we extend our best wishes for a Merry Christmas and a Happy New Year of prosperity.

For your convenience we will be open Monday until 11 p. m.

Help us to give you better service. Phone your order early.

Closed all day Tuesday, December 25th. We have on hand a limited number of 1924 calendars. Don't fail to get yours.

Hitt & Hitt Grocery

E. E. and H. E. Hitt, Proprietors
Phone 438 We Deliver

INCOMPARABLE VALUES IN

CHOICEST GROCERIES

FOR YOUR CHRISTMAS TABLE

To the connoisseur of "good things to eat" Tidwell's has long been "home" in Mexia. From the four corners of the world we are continually bringing together the choicest edibles to be found—ever striving to serve the discriminating public a little better, to give the highest quality always, for a little less. Around this policy we have steadily built a mammoth Retail Grocery business in this city of Mexia with a discriminating clientele of which we are justly proud and deeply appreciative.

For Your Christmas Table This Year We Have the Choicest and Most Complete Stock We Have Ever Had.

Come in—take a basket—serve yourself—you will be pleased. Our store closed all day Tuesday in keeping with the Christmas Spirit.

We Wish Every One a Happy Christmas.

TIDWELL'S SELF SERVING GROCERY AND MARKET

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SECTION TWO

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Season's Greetings

To You, and To Those Whose Happiness Is Yours
A Merry Christmas and A Happy New Year

It's the same old wish in the same old way, that we are wishing you this day, but to one and all, it's as little as we could say.

With the close of the year, we will record our Anniversary Number One.

Our first year's business career in Mexia, for the firm of HIGDON-McELROY COMPANY, has been all that we should ask for. We have enjoyed a nice business, a pleasant and a profitable year's work.

We have renewed acquaintances and friendships of boyhood days.

We have made many new acquaintances in a business and social way, that we now number among our best patrons and friends.

It has been our aim and our desire at all times to not only sell you merchandise for the profit we derive from it alone, but to lend our assistance in every way possible to keep Mexia the BEST TOWN in TEXAS to live in.

We own our business home, we are here to stay; our financial investment here should prove to the world our confidence in the city. The rapidity in the growth of our business in these short twelve months demonstrate to us the confidence we have won in the hearts and minds of our many satisfied patrons.

To you who have patronized us in 1923 we are indebted for our success, and as the old year rolls out and we draw nigh to the end of what we might term a Perfect Day, again we wish you a Very Merry Christmas and may the New Year be filled with Happiness, Health and Wealth.

For those who have deferred their Christmas shopping till the 11th hour, we have arranged our Gift Dept. in our store in an accessible way so that you may easily, with the assistance of our shoppers service, complete your list of gifts in a very short while.

Open Monday, Christmas Eve, until, 10:00 p. m.

HIGDON - McELROY CO.

SCORES OF MEN FIGHT TANK FIRE AT WEBSTER

HOUSTON, Tex., Dec. 21.—Scores of men were toiling feverishly today to prevent a spread of flames from a 55,000 barrel oil tank on the Humble tank farm at Webster, near here, struck by lightning last night. Sixty oil tanks, with a capacity of 1,000,000 barrels will be threatened if the flames spread from the burning tank.

Earthen embankments are being heaped about the fire to hold the flames if the tank should boil over.

Nebraska Will Vote On Ford For President

LINCOLN, Neb., Dec. 21.—Henry Ford's name will appear on the Progressive party ballot in Nebraska for president. Secretary of State Poole announced today.

A petition fulfilling the requirements for nominating a candidate has been filed for Ford, Poole said.

Personal request of Ford to remove his name from the ballot will be the only means of preventing his candidacy in the Nebraska primaries, Poole said.

The Last Notice Before We Sue

DALLAS, Texas, Dec. 21.—The line that forms in front of the general delivery window at any postoffice are no less interested but less reflective of the dramatic side of law than that section of the lobby where decks are provided to read the letters that are received.

A young woman of exceptional smartness, exclusive in her of refinement and culture, held her place in line with a score or more others waiting for her turn at the General Delivery window.

She finally got a letter from the clerk and retired to a spot near the window to read it. Opening the envelope she quickly scanned a look of surprise and consternation. It, indeed, became limp and the letter, a sheet of paper with a red border, fluttered to the floor. She recoiled slightly, and leaned against the wall. A tanned, looking old gentleman, offered someone called an ambulance. The woman made an effort to gain her composure as she became out of the gathering crowd. The clerk, on the letter which lay on the floor, it read:

"Last notice before we sue."

The young woman took a look at her shoulders and gave the crowd a not pleasant look.

"Let him," she said as she walked briskly away.

Human Nature As Seen At Theatres

FORT WORTH, Texas, Dec. 21.—The young man who is a member of the human race, is a very curious creature.

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Patterson's Column Real Fir Tree

For Christmas



DALLAS, Texas, Dec. 21.—Dallas' municipal Christmas tree this year will be a real fir tree from the forests of Washington.

Young lady or young gentleman: If you are at a loss what to buy for him or her, consult Fred Bennett at his drug store, he is a wizard at suggesting the right thing.

North America with one-twelfth of the world's inhabitants uses close to half of all the timber consumed in the world.

HOUSTON.—Henrietta Thomas, negress, run down by an autoist. "Are you hurt?" he asked. "Tee hurt bad," she said. "Sorry," the motorist replied and drove off.

TOMORROW IS the last

SHOPPING DAY before

CHRISTMAS

FOR ONE year and more

We HAVE been telling

YOU FOLKS HERE in Mexia

ABOUT WHAT a fine stock

WE WOULD show you for

THE HOLIDAYS and we are

MAKING GOOD

FOR MORE than a week

OUR STORE has been

THROGGED WITH crowds of

LAGER BUYERS and our

BELIEF IN Mexia and the

VIRTUE OF legitimate

ADVERTISING HAS been more

THAN JUSTIFIED

WE ARE pleased and happy

AND FOLLOWING our usual

CUSTOM WE are this year

TRYING IN our feeble

WAY AGAIN to spread a

LITTLE JOY along the

PATHS OF those less

FORTUNATE THAN we

OURSELVES SO we have

INSTRUCTED MR. Pigg's

WIGGLY TIDWELL to pack

TWENTY NINE baskets of

OF SUBSTANTIAL and tempting

LATABLES AND to garnish

SAME WELL with Christmas

GOODIES FOR the kids and

TO TURN some over to our

GOOD FRIEND Joe Jeffers

THE PASTOR for for

DISTRIBUTION TO worthy

FAMILIES WHO are unable

TO BUY their own Christmas

DINNERS

NOW IF any of my readers

KNOWS OF such a family

REGARDLESS OF race creed

OR COLOR just phone the

ADDRESS TO Joe Jeffers

PREACHER AND he will

RESPOND WITH his ready

SMILE AND his charming

PRESENCE AND to all on

THIS DAY before Christmas

THE WRITER of this column

EXTENDS THE seasons

HAPPIEST GREETINGS with

A MULTITUDE of good wishes

FOR A prosperous New Year

AND—I thank you.

—Patterson.

PRESENTS FOR GENTLEMEN

Ever-sharp Pencils in gold and silver

plain or engraved. Conklin Fountain

Pens from \$1.75 to \$8.00. Pipes,

Cigars and cigarettes in Christmas

packages. Billboards, extra nice ones

Cigar and Cigarette Humidors at

Fred Bennett's Drug Store.

Pay your poll tax.

FIRST METHODIST

The following program will be rendered at the First Methodist Church Sunday evening at seven o'clock. You are cordially invited to be present at this Christmas service:

Song No. 64: "All Hail the Power of Jesus' Name."

Invocation.

Scripture Reading: Luke 11:8-14

—Rev. W. B. Andrews.

Quartette: "Silent Night, Holy Night"—Miss Lucile Priddy, Mrs. Oscar Denning, Mr. C. L. Lewis, Mr. Sam McCord.

"The Other Wise Man" (Henry Van Dyke) Part 1—Mrs. W. B. Landrum.

Vocal Solo: "Bethlehem Star"—Mrs. E. M. Strange.

"The Other Wise Man" Part 2—Mrs. W. B. Landrum.

Offertory: Mendelssohn's "Consonation"—Mrs. Roy Akin.

Song No. 7: "Joy to the World".

Benediction.

HOUSTON, Texas, Dec. 21.—Police wondered at the congregation around a public horse trough. Investigating they found the trough was being used as a cache for bootleg Christmas cheer.

HOUSTON, Texas, Dec. 21.—Christmas crowds jammed the streets of Houston early today. The reason? Today is the shortest day of the year and only three more shopping days to go.

Mexia Drug Co.

Takes pleasure in announcing the arrival of their holiday goods, which are now on display at their store.

The line includes a complete assortment of the following:

EVERSHAP PENCILS

WAHLS PENS AND PENCILS in silver and gold sets.

JEWELRY of the latest designs and patterns.

EASTMAN KODAKS and Supplies.

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HIGH GRADE CHRISTMAS & NEW YEAR GREETING CARDS

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When asked what you want for Christmas—say Jewelry—the gifts that last.

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| Light-Six five-pass. Sedan | 1550.00 | 1485.00 |
| Special-Six five-pass. Coupe | 1975.00 | 1895.00 |
| Special-Six five-pass. Sedan | 2050.00 | 1985.00 |
| Six-Six five-pass. Coupe | 2550.00 | 2495.00 |
| Six-Six seven-pass. Sedan | 2750.00 | 2685.00 |

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In justice to yourself, you should come in and see what Studebaker has to offer before you decide on any car.

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500 East Commerce St.

PHONE 213

THIS IS A STUDEBAKER YEAR

MEXIA CHARACTERS HAVE BIG DAY AT GROESBECK THURSDAY

By E. L. (OLD) CROW

The busiest man on the streets of Groesbeck was our friend Tom Meador the picture man. He made it his business to get a single picture of every float that participated in the parade. Except the Queen of Sheba, I mean the Queen of Groesbeck was snapped twice.

Many individual poses were seen as he drew his camera up in front to make a picture of a float. Not satisfied with having posed seven consecutive times on as many different floats, a group of four Mexia men drew up in front of Meador's camera and posed for a single group picture size 8 1/2 by 10. The picture will be on display in a prominent window when finished.

The picture I would like to have gotten best of all was my friend Albert H. Berry plodding through the mud as the parade was forming, as history reveals that no great celebration has ever taken place without being shrouded with some mystery. No one seemed to know from whence he came, but he made his way to the float that was to carry the distinguished passengers. At the conclusion of the parade the mystery continued, for he was missed again from the throng last seen with a piece of barbecue in his hand enough to feed at least a dozen hungry people; however, it was reported that he was sitting at his desk as usual next morning.

One prominent doctor from Mexia, who drove to the celebration in his Buick roadster, had the distinction of sticking up in the mud, midway between Groesbeck and Mexia, and phoning to Mexia for help to come to his relief; they got stuck about a mile of the doctor and the doctor was successful in pulling the mechanic out of the mud after his own car had been liberated.

Among the unique and interesting figures in the parade was a typical pioneer family, in an old wagon drawn by a horse and a jack. In the wagon was a row of pink cotton headed children prepping out upon the crowd that cheered them as they passed. On the seat sat the father chewing his tobacco and in his hand was a long whip with which he spurred his team on down the road, westward ho! Walking just behind the wagon was a retinue of two stiff legged mustangs and underneath the wagon was two old blood hounds. These were followed by Silas Goolsby carrying a big possum, instead of his fiddle. Last but not least was a pioneer mother, wind tanned and by whose side walked her son, a bare leg boy. In silence they followed and with an expression as though the grasshoppers had eaten the entire crop or that a drought was prevailing. No ridicule accompanied the passing of this motherly historical character. Many who looked on may have had mothers who had worked just as this one seemed to represent. Her face might have been burned and hardened by the exposure of an over-worked life, but tender hearted, and white souled, how fair she was. In the old days, which the scene represented, mothers took upon their shoulders the helm of the half of life, perhaps milked about ten cows in the dark of the early morning or late at night, after a hard day of toil. Sometime she carried a bucket of water from the nearest branch, a half a mile away, and cut her own wood with which to cook the soupy meals. Uncomplainingly she would go about her slavery, with a song of freedom on her lips, a cheerful ring to her voice and hope in her breast. She could pole or hoe, mount a broncho, participate in a round up or stand herd. Is it any wonder then that her children founded a Republic destined to endure as long as there are those who love her and as long as there are those who care?

PRESENTS FOR YOUR WIFE OR SWEETHEART

Hubbards, Cokes and Hudgins' sets in handsome presentation boxes. Gaily Wags Extract and Toilet Water. Black Narcissa toilet water, etc. Vanity cases in great variety. A splendid assortment of Miss Saylor's delicious candy from \$1.50 to \$9.50 per box. No better made. Fresh stock received. Fred Bennett Drug Store.

COMIC BOOKS for the children

Mutt and Jeff
Bringing Up Father
Barney Google and Spark
Plug
Christmas and New Years
Postal Cards

Pioneer News
Stand

German Students Face A Tragedy Quakers Assert

PHILADELPHIA, Dec. 22. (United Press)—Austria, although still hungry is starting public kitchens and other relief work for the starving millions in Germany, because they know their suffering is as nothing compared with that of the German people.

This information has just been received at the American Friends Service Committee headquarters here, from Quaker Relief workers in Germany.

"What these last three months have meant in tragedy piled on tragedy cannot even be imagined outside of Germany, no one person, even in Germany, can imagine it all," the Quaker Relief workers report.

"The fall in value of the dollar means that the funds on hand, and in sight, for student feeding, will care for only 500 students instead of 1,000 as last year. The dreadful alternative—give up your education or starve—remains for all but a lucky few of the students of Germany.

The young men and women students worked hard all summer to earn something for their maintenance this year; they pitted their courage and their determination against the steadily falling mark, which every day wiped out something of what they had accumulated in the previous days. In the very week of their return to their studies, the mark fell from a hundred million to the dollar to six hundred million—their summer's work gone like chaff before the wind."

DR. OATES LOSES AN AGED BROTHER

Friends of Dr. T. F. Oates will regret to learn that he has lost an aged brother whose residence is in Russellville, Arkansas. He was advised this morning of the death that occurred last night. The deceased, W. M. Oates, was almost eighty years of age at the time of his death. Dr. Oates visited him recently, knowing that the infirmities of old age were gradually driving him to the grave.

Pay your poll tax.

Mexia Twenty Years Ago

Compiled By N. P. Houx
From Files of Mexia Evening News
Of Dec. 20, 1903

Mrs. H. C. Nash and baby of Corsicana are visiting her parents, Mr. and Mrs. V. Wolverton.

Miss Birdie Gardner of Winkler is in the city the guest of Capt. and Mrs. W. F. Roberts.

Miss Retta Murphy is home from Milford to spend the holidays.

Charlie Yolverton, living near Tehuacana, is spending the holidays in Greenville.

John Rees, son of Wm. Rees of Tehuacana, has gone to Kansas to live.

Geo. A. Bell and W. M. White went up to Dallas this morning on business.

Malcolm Adams is up from College to spend Christmas with his parents.

Mrs. C. J. Sterling, who has been on the sick list for several days, is some better today.

Tidwell and Kendrick have decorated their barber shop for the holidays and it is a cozy looking little place. Step in and take a look at it.

Mrs. Dr. Loving, nee Miss Starley Parker, of Fort Worth, is here to spend the holidays.

Billie Simmons came down from Shawnee, Okla., at noon to spend the holidays at home.

Editorial—Col. N. P. Houx, the talented and enterprising editor of the Mexia News, was over to see Mart friends yesterday.—Mart Herald.

Go Whiz! Kennedy. Bring over the whole office force and name your price.

Miss Barbara Peyton came down from Waxahachie where she is attending school, to spend the holidays at home.

Mrs. N. P. Houx and daughter, Miss Gerda Epperson, have gone to Tennessee to spend the holidays with relatives.

Houser Brothers have their meat

market decorated with cedar, evergreens and bunting. It is indeed a pretty place.

Henry Roller's little girl is now considered to be out of danger.

Misses Luella Smith and Nan Oates have returned from Corsicana.

Mrs. Dr. Baird and baby arrived from Dallas to visit her mother, Mrs. Mattie Smith.

Capt. Rado Steele has been appointed as county commissioner of this precinct to fill out the unexpired term of the late John H. Forrest. Capt. Steele is well qualified to fill the important office, and we know he will give satisfaction.

T. Moody and wife of Prairie Hill and their son, W. M. Moody of Tehuacana, are visiting the old home in Alabama.

Pat Jones left Sunday for Fayetteville, N. C., to spend Christmas with his mother.

Mrs. I. B. Cogdell left Sunday for North Carolina to spend the holidays with relatives.

J. H. Park is keeping books at the First National Bank during the absence of Bob Steen.

Fred Karner and wife went up to Corsicana Sunday to meet Mrs. Perry C. Baird, who will spend the holidays here.

J. F. Metcalf of Hillsboro spent part of Sunday here visiting his son, Dr. Leonie Metcalf, and left at noon for New Orleans.

Married at Tehuacana. Mr. Henry Unfried and Miss Mary Schuster were married last night in the college building at Tehuacana.

Both bride and groom are well known in this city and county, and have many friends who will congratulate them on the happy event and wish them a long life of usefulness, in which we sincerely join.

W. U. Smith, who is having a carload of fir trees shipped here has promised to donate the largest one he has for the municipal celebration, which will be held Friday night before Christmas.

I AM MUSIC

Servant and master am I, servant to those living and master of those dead. Through me spirits immortal speak the message that makes the world weep, laugh, wonder and worship.

I tell the story of love, the story of hate, the story that saves, the story that damns. I am the incense upon which prayer floats to heaven. I am the smoke which palls over the field of battle where men lie dying with me on their lips.

I am close to the marriage altar and when graves open I stand nearby. I call the wanderer home, I rescue souls from the depths, I open the lips of lovers, and through me the dead whisper to the living.

One I serve as I serve all; and the king I make may slave as easily as

I subject his slave. I speak through the birds of the air, the insects of the field, the crash of waters on rock-ribbed shores, the sighing of wind in the trees, and I am even heard by the soul that knows me in the clatter of wheels on city streets. I know no brother, yet all men are my brothers; I am the father of the best that is in them and they, the fathers of the best that is in me; I am of them and they of me. For I am the instrument of God. I am Music.—Ex.

Forecasts of wheat production this year in sixteen countries of the Northern Hemisphere is about 1,878,000,000 bushels compared to 1,754,000,000 bushels last year.

W. W. Walker of Waco was in the city on business Tuesday.


CHRISTMAS PROGRAM AT THE CHRISTIAN CHURCH

Regular services Sunday morning. Bible school at 9:45 and worship and preaching at 11:00. The pastor will deliver his Christmas sermon at the morning hour. The subject: "The Story that Never Grows Old." This will be a great message that you will enjoy.

The Christmas program by the children will be given Sunday evening in the auditorium beginning at seven o'clock. After the program the Christmas tree with its attending pleasures will be enjoyed in the basement of the church. The public is invited.

Committee.

R. H. Jamell of Waco was a Mexia visitor Tuesday.



Santa Says:
"Electrical Appliances"

—Mr. MAN—Santa offers a suggestion in selecting your wife's Christmas presents. He advises electrical necessities—from Community Light and Power Co. The very things she wants—needs for the comfort of your home.

Santa was just here—dropped a big sack of brand new Electrical Appliances. Let us aid you in your choice. Among our stock you will find the following items:

- Sewing Machine —Heating Pads
- Motors —Irons
- Vacuum Sweepers —Stoves
- Boudoir Lamps —Toasters
- Miniature Lamps —Grills
- for Xmas Trees —Percolators
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CHRISTMAS GREETINGS AND

New Year's Resolutions

"A Bigger And Better Mexia"

CITIZENS OF MEXIA:

Let us make our New Year's Resolution "A Bigger and Better Mexia"!

Attend and support our Sunday Schools, Churches and Public Schools.

Boost our Industrial Enterprises.

Pay your Poll Tax and exercise your duty by voting for the Cause of Good Government.

Co-operate with the Chamber of Commerce and all Civic Institutions.

J. H. Hughes

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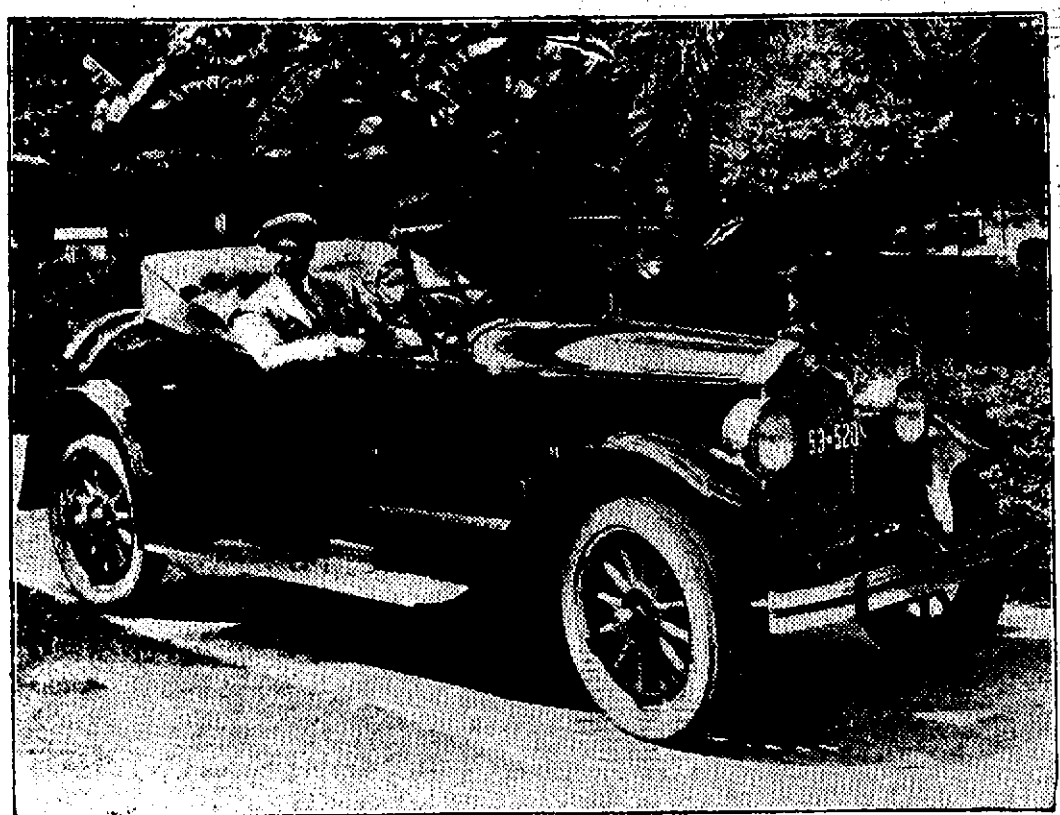
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75 Cents Per Month In Advance



JACK DEMPSEY JOINS BIG FAMILY OF BUICK OWNERS

Here is Jack Dempsey, undisputed champion of fistdom, with his Buick 1921 roadster, which he recently purchased in Los Angeles.

The big fellow bought his new car from the Howard Automobile Company, Pacific Coast distributors of the Buick line. "It was no trouble to sell him," says Howard's report to the factory. "He had already made up his mind."

Most buyers of Buick cars nowadays are as easy to sell as Dempsey, because the many advanced features of efficiency and safety in the 1921 models are manifested by thousands of cars in daily service on the streets and highways.

But he has given the public what the

public wants—that is why sales are so great.

Duncan street hill, made famous a few years ago by the motor car dealers of San Francisco in a series of hill-climbing tests to prove the power and dependability of the engine, has bobbed into the limelight through a different sort of a test.

The previous visit to Duncan street hill was to prove the ability of an automobile to scale even a hill as precipitous as this one, which therefore had proved to be a bugaboo to motorists. This recent stunt was for the purpose of proving the safety factor as well as the reliability of four-wheel breaks.

Charles S. Howard, Jr., took a 1921 Buick four-wheel break equipped

touring car of the six-cylinder type and drove it from the bottom of the grade and then turned around and started down hill.

When he had reached the steepest portion of the grade he applied the foot breaks and brought the car to a standstill without a particle of skidding.

As every motorist knows, Duncan street at the incline where the Buick four-wheel-break car was stopped is practically 50 per cent grade. It also is paved with cobblestones and grass is growing through the dirt between these stones, making the grade much more slippery than otherwise would be the case. Consequently the Buick officials consider this latest feat of proving the dependability of four-wheel breaks to be one of the most noteworthy yet performed by the new cars.

Coming down from the top of the hill at city traffic speed, Howard piloted the automobile to a point midway between the two streets, when he

brought it to a stop by simply pressing his foot on the break pedal. At no time was the emergency break brought into play, despite the fact that the car was kept standing in one position to enable the photographer to take several pictures.

Dallas' Big New "Swimming Hole"

DALLAS, Dec. 22.—The new swimming pool of the Dallas Athletic Club when completed and filled with water will weigh 700 tons.

The steel beams used in the pool weigh 86,000 pounds, the steel plates 81,000 pounds, and the concrete and tile weigh about 271,000 pounds. The pool will hold 118,125 gallons of water weighing about 500 tons.

"Seven hundred tons—a lot of water for a bath," a small boy ejaculated.

Prisoner Catches Christmas Spirit And Plays Santa

KANSAS CITY, Mo., Dec. 21.—The Christmas spirit filtered thru the walls of the Kansas State prison, down deep under the ground and into the heart of Paul Siquefield, convict 7342, who worked with a pick in a coal mine.

Realizing it was almost Christmas Siquefield groped back along the dark channels of his memory for the name of someone who had been kind to him and who he could make happy Christmas morning.

He finally recalled his boyhood days and pictured a room in Mercy hospital where kindly nurses soothed and comforted him in illness.

Mercy hospital today received a check for \$25. It was "coal money" to the convict who earned it by digging more than his share, and who could have spent it for tobacco, candy, magazines or any other such luxuries.

"This boy who was once your pa-

tient, has a warm spot in his heart for Mercy hospital," wrote the chaplain, who forwarded the money.

Pay your poll tax.

Mrs. Jeanette Brill, a practicing lawyer of Brooklyn, is the first woman to be appointed a deputy attorney general of the State of New York.

The United States public health service was organized 125 years ago, under the name of the Marine Hospital service for the medical and surgical care of merchant seamen.

Brand New

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All for \$945

Brand New Engine—Very latest six-cylinder design. Smoother, quieter, more powerful.

Four-Wheel Brakes—Simple, tried and true, giving added safety under all conditions.

Brand New Bodies—Seven Fisher-built bodies, finer and smarter with rich blue finish.

Centralized Controls—Surprisingly convenient arrangement of all controls on steering wheel.

Disc Steel Wheels—Now standard on all of the seven new models. Extra wheel included.

Be sure that the car you buy incorporates the very latest in automobile design. The brand new Oakland is the last word in light-six construction. See it.

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| Touring Car - \$945 | Sport Touring - \$1095 | Business Coupe - \$1195 |
| Roadster - 945 | Sport Roadster - 1095 | Coupe for Four - 1345 |
| Sedan - \$1395 | All prices f. o. b. Pontiac, Mich. | |

May Every Happiness Be Yours This Christmas And In The Coming Year

HUMPHREYS OIL COMPANY



Mrs. Honeywell drew aside the hanging curtains to place the holly wreath with its red silk bow in the window. Suddenly, her front door blew open with a whiff of snow and Edith stomped in, her arms filled with her Christmas bundles.

Edith, tall and rosy checked, clerked in the "big store." She had been taken on as an extra for the holiday rush. The excitement, the crowding of impatient customers, the continuous demand for cheerful service had been her first business experience.

"Hello, Mother bunch!" cried Edith as she closed the door and dropped her bundles, her fur piece and her great coat.

"Are you tired, dear?" asked Mrs. Honeywell, for she knew that this was the last shopping day and she had incurred a day of exasperation for her daughter in serving the numbers, less last minute folks.

"Not a bit," promptly rejoined Edith. "I do believe that people are following somewhat the muchly advocated saying of doing their Christmas shopping early. Of course there were a lot who had to get something for their cousin or a friend or a wife whom they had forgotten but they seemed to appreciate the fact and merriment.

"You know, mother," she went on, "I have had a very nice time. I met several customers who were the loveliest I have met."

Edith strolled out into the kitchen with her mother and helped her with the preparation for supper. Mother and daughter had been "talking it" together for some years, living on the income from Mr. Honeywell's insurance which had provided for Edith's education as well as a fair living for both of them. Now, however, Edith felt she should make her own way at least. They needed pretty clothes, she and her mother liked the theatre and every day they were going to get "first class."

"I have a little surprise for you, Mother, or at least the surprise is for me," murmured Edith while she rubbed the group.

"I thought so," answered her mother. "You've been looking nice—look over your hair, it's just the way I like it. I'm sure you'll be happy to see it. I'm sure you'll be happy to see it."

"Oh, Fred will be here all right. He'll be here all right, if I'm here. I'm sure you'll be happy to see it. I'm sure you'll be happy to see it."

"I am going to be first class at the store," Edith continued, "and all come along on a tour of a certain Mrs. Worthington. She came here, she seemed to be quite pleased and amused and told me that she had purchased a nice tea set as a gift for her daughter and the set had been delivered broken; and here it was the last day with no gift. I sympathized with her and helped her make a new selection and arranged with the floorman to have the set delivered by a special messenger. It wasn't much for me to do, since it had happened before many times, especially this time of the year, but it seemed to impress Mrs. Worthington. I have since found out that she is one of the most important customers the store has."

As soon as I finished with her she went to the bayer of the section and reported to him how I had handled the matter for her and told him that he ought to keep me after the rush. The buyer said he agreed with her and would arrange for me to be employed permanently and he notified mother that settles the job question. And it must have been the Christmas spirit that got into Mrs. Worthington. The other girls told me she had never been known to have a kind word for any one."

The door bell gave a sharp ring and Edith rose hastily with an eager look in her blue eyes. The next instant Mrs. Honeywell heard a soft, "Oh, Fred, how cold your nose is!"

Whereupon Mrs. Honeywell demanded "you sort of lose the idea of Christmas, to know how Edith knew. There was mas when you are in the center of a series of repressed giggles and much buying and selling. But today, chuckles as Fred entered and greeted I met several customers who were the loveliest I have met."

Pay your poll tax.

MARRIAGE LICENSE

From Groesbeck Journal
The following marriage license were issued during the week ending December 18:

Jim Win and Bertha Medlock.
Willie Hayes and Anna Woods.
Redge Gillham and Winnie Hall.
H. L. Barnhart and Hattie R. McIntire.

Daniel Roy Tatum and Idolia Milus.
Milton Harris and Cella Brown.
Harvey Ray and Sarah Jones.
Charlie Lewis and Avis Kindred.
Clyde Grisham and Ruth Ovgive Ballard.

Do mail order houses help pay your taxes and make your city a better place in which to live?

Value of cotton exported in September was \$34,820,000, more than double that of a year ago.

REALITIES--AND THE ALLIED DEBT PROBLEM

By WALTER W. HEAD,
President, American Bankers Association.

As a business proposition there is just one reason for considering a recasting of the balances due the United States from foreign governments. That is the possibility that such action would aid in re-establishing a foreign market which will absorb our surplus products.



It is possible, of course, for the United States to isolate itself. We can produce everything necessary to sustain life. More existence, however, is not the purpose of life. We cannot prosper as we have unless we dispose of the surplus products which naturally accumulate, both agricultural and industrial. We must either sell this surplus abroad or curtail our production and generally lower our standard of living.

Our foreign trade depends upon the purchasing power of foreign countries. Europe's inability to buy has impaired our ability to sell. We have an interest in Europe's prosperity. To protect that interest we must be concerned in the restoration of our debtors' capacity to trade with us and to meet their obligations. We should deal with this subject exactly as a banker deals with a loan of doubtful value.

Get the Facts
The United States should have a representative with official standing in the Reparations Commission. We should not necessarily be bound by any agreement which may be proposed, but our representative should

gather all information available. The United States Government, of its own motion and based on its own information, should then decide whether it should consider the readjustment of its accounts with Europe, and, if so, in what manner. Our own Debt Funding Commission should recommend to Congress whatever readjustment, if any, of the Inter-Allied Debt may be warranted.

THESE SUGGESTIONS ARE PURELY FOR FACT-FINDING AND ADVISORY PURPOSES--FOR GETTING DOWN TO THE REALITIES OF THE CASE. Precisely what our action should be, to serve the common interest, will be determined by information which at this time is not available. Our first step is to secure the information and our duty is to follow developments intelligently.

THE FRIEND IN NEED

(From the Nation's Business)
Some there are who still think the banker wears horns. Who is the hardbitten citizen, the man behind the thumb-screw? The banker, they will tell you. In the light of this illusion, consider a brief excerpt from the resolutions adopted at the recent Atlantic City convention of the American Bankers Association.

"The conclusion is inevitably forced on the impartial observer that the primary need of the world is moral and spiritual regeneration as the essential basis for economic recovery. Until the nations of the world are willing to liquidate their debts they can make little progress toward liquidating their debts."

Hard-bitten? Not that! It harks back to Socrates. "The true politics," he said, "is first of all a politics of the soul."

Come to think of it, when we want someone to take care of our funds, to whom do we turn? To the banker. When we are in a tight place and need funds, to whom do we turn? To the banker. When there's a civic enterprise afoot, whose time and money do we commandeer first? The banker's.

Rents Stabilized At '23 Level, Says Survey

ST. LOUIS, Mo., Dec. 22.—(United Press)—Rents on homes and business houses increased generally over the country during 1923 but now apparently are becoming stabilized at the present levels. This was the finding of the National Association of Real Estate Boards on the basis of a survey of 240 cities of the United States.

More transfers of real estate were made and more buildings were erected during the first nine months of the year than during any similar period in any year of United States history, the report of the association declared.

House shortages are acute in the East and Far West, the report said, adding that considerable inroads are being made on shortages everywhere by building programs.

Small single-family dwellings are the object of the greatest demand, and hence the subject of the greatest shortage.

Sixty-eight per cent of the 240 cities reported shortage of one-family dwellings; 54 per cent reported shortage in apartment houses, and 43 per cent a shortage in business structures.

Rents are approaching stabilization after their increases of this year, the report asserted, especially in cities of over 200,000 population.

Of 226 cities answering the question as to how well the building activities were fulfilling the needs of the municipality, 223 stated that even with the tremendous construction of this year there was no "over-building."

The report said labor supply was sufficient in 40 per cent of the cities to handle the building programs, and in 70 per cent of the cities the situation was more favorable or "no worse" than last year.

Leads Coolidge Fight for Nomination.



William M. Butler, of Boston, Republican National Committeeman from Massachusetts and for years a friend of Calvin Coolidge, has been appointed to manage the Coolidge campaign for the nomination in 1924.

TURKEYS HIGH IN LONDON

LONDON, (United Press).—The Londoners' Christmas turkey, if he buys a bird bred in his native island, will cost him about 50 cents a pound.

Poulterers say that the supply is scarce, owing to Easter rains, which interfered with breeding. To make up for the deficiency, enormous flocks of geese are being shipped from Holland.

The Royal Agricultural society of England is conducting experiments with pits dug in the ground for the storage of fodder as a substitute for the more expensive tower silos.

BIRTHS

From Groesbeck Journal
The following births in Limestone county were recorded during the week ending December 18:

To Mr. and Mrs. Jerry Tabor of Mexico a girl on December 6.
To Mr. and Mrs. E. P. Markham of Mexico a boy on December 11.

To Mr. and Mrs. Robt. J. Kitley of Mexico a boy on December 9.
To Mr. and Mrs. F. L. Norville of Mexico a girl on December 13.

To Mr. and Mrs. J. M. Hardie of near Kosse a girl on December 5.
To Mr. and Mrs. Lloyd Jackson of Thornton a girl on December 4.

To Mr. and Mrs. G. H. Bradley of Thornton a girl on December 8.
To Mr. and Mrs. James G. Murphy of Groesbeck a boy on December 3.

To Mr. and Mrs. C. O. Long of Mexico a girl on December 5.
To Mr. and Mrs. J. Ray Manning of Thornton a girl on November 18.

To Mr. and Mrs. T. J. Taylor of Kosse a girl on December 4.
To Mr. and Mrs. P. C. Simmons of Personville a girl on November 28.

To Mr. and Mrs. W. W. Richardson of Personville a girl on December 2.
To Mr. and Mrs. J. W. Sims of Personville a girl on November 26.

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Woman Club Leader Urges Her Sex To Study Coal Problems In Interest of Labor and Industry



Women are now being urged to study coal problems by Mrs. Clara Ketchum Tripp, leading club woman and economist of Seattle, who recently completed a trip through the country delivering addresses before various organizations. One of the points she stressed was that women should understand the relationship which exists between local industry and their own lives.

"I wish the women of every state would study the coal industry," she said. "They should know what the coal industry contributes in dollars and cents to the home and the school. Our club women should visit the mines and be informed and ready to assist in all matters pertaining to the industry."

Mrs. Tripp declares there has never been a monopoly in the soft coal industry. With more than 7,000 operations producing coal in 29 states under widely different mining con-

ditions, she maintains that it is impossible for producers to have even a working agreement. On the other hand, she says there is a monopoly of mine labor in the United States, controlling more than 60 per cent of the supply of coal. During a nation-wide strike, the country is entirely dependent on the non-union mines.

The extent to which education, good roads and other advantages can be furnished by a community to its members is brought out by the study given to the coal industry in Washington. The pay roll of this industry alone represents one of the mainstays of prosperity, exceeding \$11,000,000 annually when the mines are in operation. The industry pays \$500,000 a year in taxes to the state, 12 per cent of which goes into the educational fund and 17 1/2 per cent into state highways.

TOO HEAVY BURDEN FOR UNCLE SAM'S DOUGHBOYS

By A. L. BRADFORD
(United Press Staff Correspondent)
WASHINGTON, Dec. 21.—(United Press.)—Results of three years intensive study by army experts are about to be given to Congress.

The problem they have been studying is: How can we make the "last long mile" easier for the American doughboy?

In other words, the army has been studying how to reduce the weight of the American soldier's pack.

The average weight carried by the American soldier is 72.77 pounds in summer and 81.63 pounds in winter, including his clothing.

The recommendations to be made to Congress by the Chief of Infantry include these reductions:

Elimination of extra pair of shoes; weight 3.391 pounds.

Elimination of one blanket, 3.525 pounds.

Carrying on trucks of one pack carrier, 456 pounds.

Five tent pins, one tent pole and half of one tent, total weight, 4.082 pounds.

This would lighten the pack by 8.063 pounds, in addition to the shoes.

Further lightening would be accomplished by requiring the doughboy to carry only twenty rounds of ammunition in his belt instead of the full belt of 100 rounds as at present. Upon entering a combat zone the soldier would be given 60 rounds more, and just before going into action, 120 rounds, increasing the weight by 4.750 pounds.

Gas masks and similar equipment would be carried on wagons until troops entered the combat zone.

Army experts found that foreign nations had reduced their soldiers' packs so that the Yank was carrying more than any other soldier.

FIGHTS AND FIGHTERS

NEW YORK.—Tex Rickard will make another effort today to have Mike McTigue and his manager, Joe Jacobs, bury the club so that McTigue will accept terms for a fight with Gene Tunney or Georges Carpentier.

NEW YORK.—Ad Stone, Philadelphia light-heavyweight, regarded as the coming heavyweight champion, will meet Billy Shade, California, in a 12 round bout tonight in Madison Square Garden.

NEW YORK.—"I will never box again in New York or New Jersey," Mickey Walker, world's welterweight champion, declared before leaving for Canada. He is bitter against the New Jersey officials for warring on him because he boxed at a church benefit.

NEW YORK.—Italian Joe Gans, middleweight, and Phil Krueg, Newark, went twelve rounds to a draw. The crowd booed the fighters.

LOWELL, Mass.—Lew Paluso, of Lynn, featherweight, won a 10 round decision from Joie Fox, former British champion.

BLUE ISLAND, Ill.—Joe Burman, Chicago featherweight and Johnny McCoy, Cleveland, box ten rounds here tonight.

REGINA, Sask.—The population of Saskatchewan last year was 785,508.

Baseball Had Good Money Year in 1923.

By HENRY L. FARRELL
(United Press Sports Editor)
NEW YORK, Dec. 22.—Arrival of the predicted and patiently awaited million dollar world's series was, without doubt, the big event of 1923 in baseball.

Records for attendance and receipts at the post-season battles between the major league pennant winners were made possible by the opening of the two million dollar Yankee stadium, another event of record for the year.

With a capacity of 70,000 and a plan of construction which will permit its expansion so that it will accommodate 100,000 when the need requires, the Yankee Stadium is the finest baseball structure in the world.

Another victory by the New York Giants and the Yankees in the pennant race, and their subsequent participation in the world's series removed novel features for the season, although the two teams made a new record by staying the series between themselves for the third successive time.

Considering that the Giants were almost unanimously picked to beat the Yankees in the series, the feat of the American League champions in winning the world's championship might have been a surprise. The success of the Yankees also made a new record in that it was the first time that the world's championship had been won by a New York American League team.

Many new minor records were made on the playing field during the minor and major league seasons, but sensational performances, such as were provided when Babe Ruth was running with several games ago, were missing.

Babe Ruth did not make a new slugger record, but the all-round improvement of his ball's greatest player was perhaps the biggest feature of the season and aroused the most interest.

Ruth lived up to his promise to set a new record and play baseball. He came with a new method of taking the batting champion of the American League from George Heffman, the Detroit star. He finished in a tie for first place in batting average. He made a new record for the number of passes received during a season. He was third in home runs, and he was the best right fielder in the league.

To make his comeback all the more glorious, the Babe had the honor of being named the most valuable player in the American League by the largest vote possible. His selection was unanimous.

When Ruth's willingness to subordinate his own interests to those of the team that was largely responsible for the victory of the Yankees in the American League pennant race and in the world's series.

One of the biggest disappointments of the season resulted from the illness which made it necessary for George Sinker, the "perfect player," to remain out of the game all season.

Disabled with eye trouble, Sinker could not even get into a uniform and he didn't make an attempt to play all season. Without him the St. Louis Browns were wrecked before the season started. Sinker was appointed manager of the St. Louis club at the end of the season, but it is doubtful that he will ever be able to play again.

Prosperity was enjoyed generally all through the major and the minor leagues. Nine teams made money for

the first time in several years.

Failure of high priced beauties from the minors to deliver during the season caused general discussions throughout the year and it came to be accepted generally among wise baseball men that the major league magnates will not be as extravagant in the future.

Of all the fancy priced minor league stars who came up to the big league only Willie Kamm, the \$100,000 White Sox third baseman, delivered.

Jimmy O'Connell, the \$75,000 outfielder, was a big disappointment with the Giants. O'Connell, however, was not well all season and there is every reason to believe that he will come through eventually.

The National League ran almost exactly according to form and the teams finished in precisely the same positions that the experts predicted before the season started.

The Christmas edition of The Mexia Daily News will appear Sunday morning—twenty five pages filled with news items of interest to all and display advertising of value to Christmas shoppers.

The Hughes Demonstration Home, being built under the direction of the News, is nearing completion. Bad weather has prevented its completion before now, else it would now be occupied.



CHRISTMAS DAY

On the first Christmas morning the Three Wise Men from the East, led by the Star of Bethlehem, found the infant Messiah in a manger, wrapped in swaddling clothes. And they fell down and worshipped Him, and they offered unto Him precious gifts.

On this latest Christmas morning the Wise Men and Women of the present generation, and even the little children, led by the Star of Faith and Hope and Love, are seeking after the Saviour of the world. They are worshipping Him and serving Him by doing those things which He bade Christians ever to do and perform. They are offering unto Him their souls and bodies, and in this sacrifice the Wise ever find the truest happiness.

This is the real Christmas spirit—the giving of ourselves to His service. By so doing, we too become saviours and the world becomes a better and happier place in which to live.

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Mexia is the home of all of us who live here. Our comfort and happiness and prosperity is all involved with the welfare of the city—how good a place it is to live in and do business in. Every citizen and every business and industry in Mexia depends upon every other citizen and business and industry for equal responsibility in building this city to be what every good citizen wants it to be—a good city in every respect.

To accomplish this we must all work together with a spirit of tolerance and understanding. We must recognize that a good city is built by no single factor. Each business and industry and citizen must add something to the process of development.

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MYSTERIOUS MURDER BEING INVESTIGATED

BALLINGER, Texas, Dec. 21.—Investigation was under way today into the mysterious slaying of Crawford A. Tabor, farmer, near here by four men in an automobile. Tabor, according to his father-in-law, J. N. Wells, left the latter's home with a stranger who stopped to ask Tabor to help move a stalled automobile down the road.

Wells accompanied the two and when they arrived at the car, four men inside the machine opened fire on Tabor and Wells the latter said. Tabor was killed instantly. Wells made his escape uninjured.

After the killing the men sped away in the car.

No motive is known for the killing.

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We wish to take this method of sincerely thanking our friends and the Klan for assistance and sympathy on the occasion of the recent death of our baby girl. May God's richest blessings ever abide with you all.—Mr. and Mrs. Pat West.

Sam Cox, John Sweatt, Hardy Eubanks, R. B. Bass and F. W. Welch returned this morning from a hunting expedition in South Texas, to which grounds they went in automobiles. They spent the night in a bog hole near Waco, it is learned, and at Waco Mr. Eubanks left his car and came on in home with the others.

In football its a touchdown; in matrimony its a shakedown.

The less that husbands and wives have to say about jealousy the better.

Commissioner John Kennedy stated Thursday that as soon as good weather prevails again, he will get to the roads as fast as he can. Commissioner Kennedy is constantly on the alert and is anxious to main tain the best roads in this part of Texas.

Big Williams stated at noon today that drilling had been temporarily suspended on the Rosson test but would be completed as soon as weather permitted. The condition of the roads make it difficult to get fuel oil to the operation, he stated.

Fuel oil is being sent out to the Moody test for resumption of drilling Saturday.

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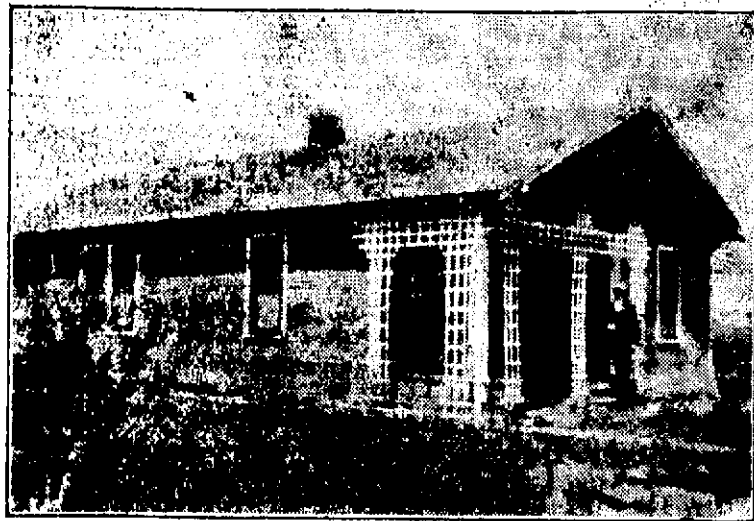
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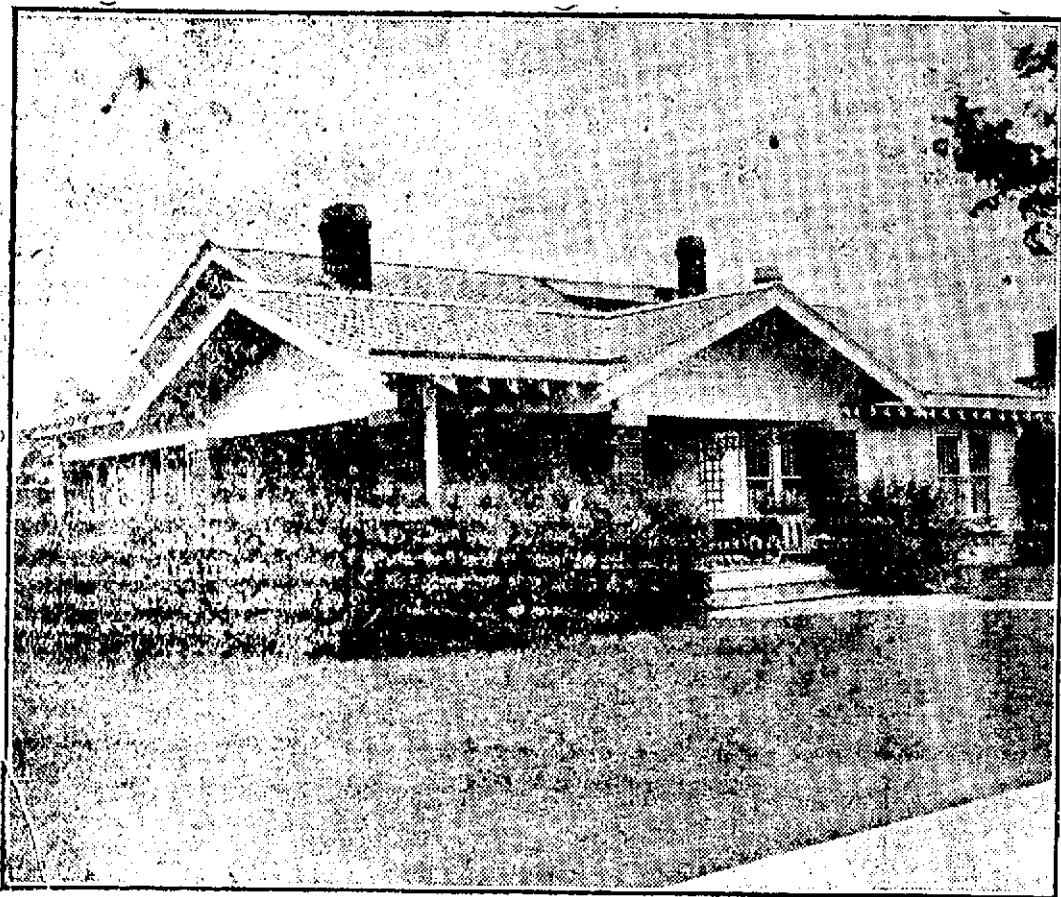
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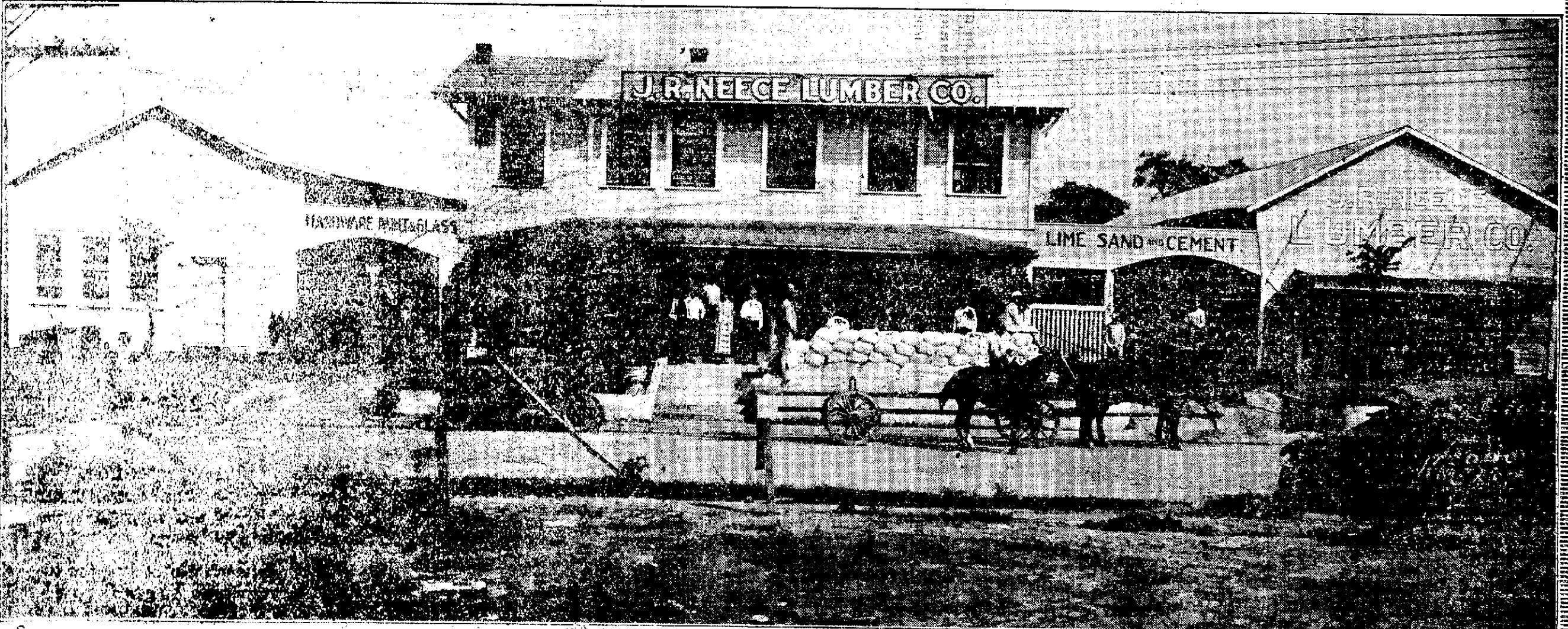
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Using Fire Boxes For Mailing Letter

DALLAS, Dec. 22.—Back in Double Well, Tex., Mr. Delmon Schuler, a 10-year-old boy, ordered what he thought of as postcards, but instead of them back in August from Dallas. "Dad" got the letter chief unearched from the Clearing house, which he found

a downtown corner he found two postcards and a letter that "Papa" Schuler had dropped in a fire box by mistake.

Followed of Lindland are giving up wool and buying coal as the country's currency situation improves because the black fuel must be imported from the United States and England, and a more stable exchange permits outside buying.

The widow's veil isn't always a veil of tears.

POISON LIQUOR BEING STORED FOR CHRISTMAS

By JAMES T. KOLBERT
(United Press Staff Correspondent)
CHICAGO, Dec. 22.—Flouting warnings against poisoned liquor and ignoring appeals to obey the prohibition laws, Chicago is laying in a huge stock of drinkables for Christmas and New Year's celebrations.

Nearly every drink known in the pre-prohibition area, and many new ones developed since, are on the market.

Here is a drink list, with prices, compiled from a survey of offerings openly made by "dealers":

Gin, \$3 per quart, beer, \$4 per gallon, hooch (home made whiskey), \$12 per quart, "genuine" whiskey, \$18 per quart, sacramental wine, \$8 per gallon, "cut" or diluted sacramental wine, \$6 per gallon; black fig wine, \$6 per gallon.

Black fig wine is new in Chicago. It is a favorite beverage because it packs a heavy kick.

Federal agents are authority for the statement that the city is being flooded with real beer from Elgin, Joliet, Peoria and other Illinois cities where breweries abound.

So-called "genuine" liquor is coming in in large quantities from Canada. The hooch is coming from thousands of cellar distilleries in Chicago.

Wines are obtainable from many sources. One famous wine company, in business for more than thirty years is selling vast quantities of fruit juices with directions for "what not to do" to prevent the juices from fermenting.

Police said that there would be little or no liquor on sale in cafes on Christmas and New Year's eve because of the drastic steps by Mayor Dever to shut down all saloons and guilds found guilty of violating the dry laws. Less than 200 saloons are doing business now, it was estimated. Before the drive started, three months ago, more than 2,500 were doing a prolific business.

That each plant was marked by God with some sign to indicate the special use for which it was intended, led to the belief years ago, that the viper's bugloss with seeds shaped like a serpent's head, would cure snake bites.

Wool growing and rope making are among industries of St. Helena, where Napoleon was exiled.

What They Read And What Are The Reasons

HOUSTON, Texas, Dec. 22.—Who buys the vivid Western "thrillers" at the new stand? Who snaps up the snappy magazines containing the most salacious stories?

A reporter with more than ordinary curiosity made a round of the news stands of Houston and found: The "Tired Business Man" buys the "thrillers"; women and "Drug Store Sheiks" go in for the amorous sex stuff.

College students and a little group of foreigners—many of them laboring men—buy the "high brow" magazines on art, music and the "heavier" volumes on world affairs.

But the business man who satisfies his craving to get away from the humdrum grind of business by reading the hair raising tales of the West, doesn't want it generally known.

"Most of the 'thrillers' we sell are wrapped up to disguise them" the newsmen say.

More Than Half A Million to Be Spent for School

GALVESTON, Dec. 22.—Contracts calling for an expenditure of approximately \$620,031 for city school improvement work have been awarded by the Galveston school board.

The plans include construction of the new Goliad school, extensive improvements to Ball high school, and rehabilitation of the Crockett and Houston schools.

Approximately 26 bids from contractors were gone over by the committee before a selection was made. The improvements will bring Galveston schools up to as high a standard as practically any other city in the state.

Research by scientists in medicine and surgery in Germany is reported to be practically at a standstill because of lack of financial support.

DALLAS. — \$100,000 theological building to be erected on campus of Southern Methodist University.

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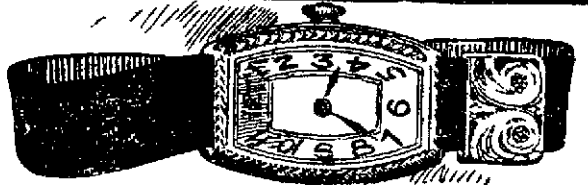
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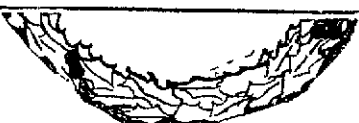
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These children, Helen and Lillian Potts and Gertie Pink—sitting in the middle—are typical of the children of the miners. Their health in many communities is guarded by excellent visiting nurse systems, they have the best of medical care when they succumb to childish illness, and their school work and their playtime is supervised.

The owners of the bituminous mines know the value of keeping a healthy and happy family. Their mine and the miner's family, in a roomy house cost the occupant not only well, but happy and

amused. That is why so much of the capital required for opening a coal mine goes into modern housing, for the miners, churches, schools, modern playgrounds, moving-picture theatres, community halls, and the like.

The other picture shows G. D. Davidson, a miner at Warrior, in the same state, in his yard with his two children, Frances and Billy. It is the custom for the miner's houses to be widely separated, with yards and garden space. These houses are owned by the companies in most cases, and are rented to the miners for a price ranging from \$1 to \$2.50 a month for each room, making a six room house cost the occupant from \$6 to \$15 a month.

Increasing attention paid by owners of professional baseball clubs to college diamonds is convincing proof of the advance being made in the class of the college game.

Such a good authority as L. E. St. John, athletic director of Ohio State University, went on record last spring that the leading universities were playing a game of baseball on a par with class A leagues of the professional circle.

John McGraw, manager of the New York Giants and Connie Mack, manager of the Philadelphia Athletics, two of the smartest men in baseball, said recently that they preferred college players to those who were being developed in the minor leagues.

Development of the college game may be due in part to the favor into which former professional stars are being looked upon by college baseball officials as coaches.

Yale won the intercollegiate baseball championship last spring and the Yale team was largely the product of Joe Wood, former Cleveland pitcher and outfielder.

Track and field athletics have grown so among the colleges that it is safe to hazard the prediction that in another eight years the United States Olympic team will be comprised almost entirely of college stars. At least 50 per cent of the team that will be sent to Paris next summer to represent the United States are expected to be college athletes.

California repeated as the intercollegiate track and field champions last spring in Philadelphia. The Californians won the title again with a team constituted almost entirely of field stars.

Another western university came into a national championship when the fine Washington crew won the intercollegiate rowing championship at Poughkeepsie.

Washington figured prominently also in the victory of Yale in the annual Harvard-Yale race at New London, as the Yale crew was developed by Ed Leader, former Washington coach.

Women of Clarksdale, Miss., have organized a movement "to preserve the gracious courtesies which were once a distinguished feature of the Old South."

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Intercollegiate Athletics Had Big Year

By HENRY L. FARRILL, (United Press Staff Editor) Football carries the freight for all NEW YORK, Dec. 22.—Keeping other lines of collegiate athletes and company with the professional sports, even more money is available the winter Olympic athletes had a most called minor sports can be developed profitably and not of 1923 more fully.

The rate of growth of football is particularly true in the case of the public schools. It is of the highest and lowest. College baseball is not self-supporting and there is no profit in it. It is a loss to the school. Football is not a cent of revenue from towing, but it is a gold mine in the sense that both sports have to depend upon the public patronage, and on the money obtained from football other sports can be developed along.

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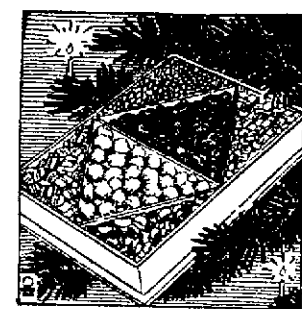
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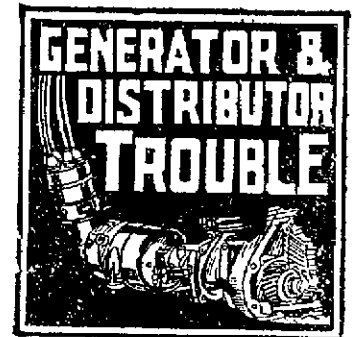
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WOMAN INDICTED WITH FOX ARRESTED

Girls Critically Wounded When Men Fight

Federals In Mexico Advance Upon Puebla Saturday

Girl Companion Released As Arrest Is Made

BIRMINGHAM, Ala., Dec. 22.—Mrs. Margaret Weaver, indicted in connection with the murder of William S. Coburn, was arrested today. Mrs. Weaver is being held for Atlanta authorities. She declared that she will fight extradition and seek immediate release. Mrs. Weaver says she did not know either Fox or Coburn. A girl companion questioned, was released when it was learned that she was a chance acquaintance.

FOX ATTORNEYS FILE MOTION FOR A NEW TRIAL

ATLANTA, Ga., Dec. 22.—"The voice of hell" commanded Phil E. Fox to kill W. S. Coburn, rival Klansman, a jury decided here last night in finding the Ku Klux Klan publicly director guilty of murder.

The jury recommended mercy of the court and Fox was immediately sentenced to life imprisonment. Motion for a new trial was to be filed today.

"The voice of God commanded me to kill Coburn," Fox declared in his defense. It was "the voice of hell," charged the prosecution and the jury reached the charge when it spent nine hours yesterday arguing solely on the degree of punishment.

"The insanity issue was never considered after the first ballot which showed a majority in favor of death penalty and a few voting for life imprisonment," one juror said today.

Fox took his sentence silently. He faced Judge G. H. Howard for a moment then dropped his head and waited while sentence was pronounced. Guarded by Deputy sheriffs he shuffled off to his cell in Fulton Tower, to await transfer to a county prison camp.

The throng which filled the courtroom made no demonstration on hearing the verdict. Mrs. Fox was waiting at the jail. She wept as she heard the verdict. She embraced her husband and then went home.

Attorneys for Fox this afternoon filed a motion for a new trial. Ruling on the motion is not expected for several weeks. Fox is apparently uncommunicative in jail.

W. K. Boyd left Saturday for Terrell to join Mrs. Boyd and the baby to spend Christmas.

Mr. and Mrs. Perry Jones left Saturday afternoon for Royce City where they will spend the Christmas holidays.

F. C. Kennedy of Frisco was in Mexia Thursday.

J. R. Dulaney of Coolidge was in Mexia Thursday.

Miss Doris McGill, of Corsicana was a visitor to the city Thursday.

Mrs. J. F. Germany of Dallas was in the city Friday.

Miss Mabel Landers, of Madisonville, was a visitor to Mexia Thursday.

B. R. Bowen of Waco was in the city Thursday.

Perry Potts, secretary of the J. I. Riddle Company, who has been down with measles, is on his feet again and going nicely.

Entertainment At School Is Broken Up By Duel

TEXARKANA, Texas, Dec. 22.—Vivian Peak, 12, and Hazel Smith, 10, are in a critical condition, the innocent victims of a shooting affray at a school entertainment at Rock Hill, Okla., last night. The two girls were among bystanders when the shooting started during a quarrel between Holly Grenshaw and Charles Bishop, farmers. Several shots were fired but the bullets struck only the two girls, according to reports.

Christmas Party For "13" Club

One of the most beautiful and delightful parties of the Xmas season was that given by Mrs. Roland Gardner to the "13" club on last Thursday afternoon. It is an annual custom of the club to have a Xmas tree at some chosen member's house. The presents on this tree to be the daintiest of handwork brought each by a member for a member.

The home was aglow with its dress of Xmas colors, the wonderfully decorated tree being the main object of beauty. Packages of various sizes and shapes were objects of much curiosity and impatience and on being distributed by Mrs. George Peyton, president of the club, were opened to delight the recipients' heart with a gift of exquisite handwork and beauty.

Much fun was had with the "take off" gifts from the tree, each member's pet hobby being made known and stressed. Santa not being satisfied yet, must needs invite the guests into the dining room where a table elegantly in its appointments and decorations awaited them.

The dining table was dressed with a most beautiful madeira cloth over a cover of red, green feathery leaves sprinkled with snow dust was foundation for the centerpiece, a miniature Xmas tree laden with favors for each guest. Nut cups bedecked with holly, place cards of Santa Claus designs, miniature statues of Santa Claus and crystal candle sticks containing lighted red candles all tended toward a charming effect. A four course dinner was served consisting of fruit cocktail, salted nuts, turkey, dressing, cranberry sauce, creamed potatoes and cheese in peel, peas, celery, olives, combination salad and caramel pudding.

Mrs. Bob Griffith of Dallas, a former loved member of the club came in to give Xmas greetings. Mrs. Gardner and Santa Claus proved a delightful combination and filled each guest with a most joyous spirit of Yuletide.

FIRST PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH
Sunday school at the usual hour. No preaching this Sunday.

Christmas tree at the church Monday night to which all members of the church and Sunday school are cordially invited.

WESTERN UNION TO OPEN 4 HOURS XMAS

S. E. Tabor, manager for Western Union, announced that the local telegraph exchange will be open Christmas day from 8 to 10 in the morning and from 4 to 6 in the afternoon. Quite a good many Christmas messages are going out from here to friends and relatives in all parts of the country.

Miss Consuello Cogdell, teacher in the Dallas public schools, is home to spend the holidays with her parents. Mr. and Mrs. J. Frank Cogdell on East Milam street.



ELKS TO PLAY SANTA AND HAVE A CHRISTMAS TREE

Mexia Elks will have their Christmas Dance December 25th, 9 p. m. Come out fellows and bring your friends. This promises to be a good time in keeping with the day and Mr. Clover the secretary of the club, has the orchestra all wound up to go. Jimmie Stewart and those drums will be there in full bloom and hear Jimmy sing that song about a snake "Hips" and Fred Scott with that crying Saxophone will be all cared up; Frank Werner, better known as "Luke McGlue," the warehouse superintendent for the B. V. D. R. R. and his many instruments, from a cow bell to a simmering dish pan will strut his stuff too.

Kindergarten Pupils Of Misses Rennolds and De Long Merrily Enjoy Christmas Affair Friday

One of the loveliest of Christmas affairs was that given Friday night by and for the little pupils attending the kindergarten being conducted in this city by Misses Emma Rennolds and Maud De Long. The excited little folks were made happy when Santa appeared and prior to that presented a charming program to the delight of the parents who were present, a program which likewise reflected intelligent training and apt minds of the pupils.

Each of the little ones presented his or her part in a manner that would have been a credit to children much older than those of kindergarten age, and with that childish charm, simplicity and innocence unknown to actors of the stage and which soothes the weary mother and father after long days of toil.

The lovely Christmas tree came from Canada and was a source of unforgettable joy to many of the children who were so young that they had no memory of other Christmas occasions in the short span of life which has been theirs.

The kindergarten pupils had decorated the tree for Santa Claus, whom it was said came from England and who pleased them immensely, as he proved to be all that they had been told he was from mother's lips and in story books.

The Kindergarten is conducted near the home of Miss Rennolds on East Main street. Despite the downpour of

Negroes of Texas Appeal For Aid

An earnest appeal is made to the white and colored citizens of Mexia for financial help in erecting at Dallas a hospital for the colored people with an auxiliary at Kerrville to care for the tubercular victims of their race. This institution is incorporated under the laws of Texas, with a board of directors consisting of two hundred white and colored men. This institution is called the Tyler's Four State Hospital and Nurse Training School, named in honor of its founder, Rev. J. A. Tyler.

Rev. J. A. Tyler, the general superintendent is now in the city, together with Rev. L. T. Boggus and Prof. J. Mr. Pye, district managers. They will speak in white and colored churches here Sunday.

This movement is called the Tyler's Four State Hospital and Nurse Training School because it will be controlled by directors from the four Southwestern states; Texas, Louisiana, Arkansas and Oklahoma.

Any contribution appreciated. Rev. L. T. Boggus, district manager, Tyler's Four State Hospital and Nurse Training School, 1025 East Crockett street, San Antonio, Texas.

JUDGE WALTERS URGES FULL MEMBERSHIP OF SUNDAY SCHOOL CLASS

Judge Walters of the Men's Bible Class of the First Methodist church, urges upon every member to be present today. "We have a special lesson," he said, "and are anxious to have a full attendance of the class." Visitors are welcome.

R. G. Rooker will spend Christmas at Currie with his family.

Allen Hatch, Jr.
Billie Burke.
Hurston Nicholson.
Doris Dale Rollins.
Clinton Killough.
Gene Reichman.
Jane Lowry.
Loretta Lowry.
Jack Vanniman.
Evelyn Hollingsworth.
Robert De Long.
George Henderson, Jr.
Margaret Dunaway.

CHRISTMAS TREE FOR CHILDREN CHRISTMAS EVE

I am glad to express gratification at the receipt of a check for \$50.00 from the Lions club of this city to be used in my Christmas efforts to bring joy to the worthy poor at this season. This now makes my total \$355.98. After carefully going over the Christmas need in Mexia it will take \$400.00 to carry out the plans I have laid in the meantime I am putting out seventy five Christmas baskets at a retail cost of \$1.15 per basket and before Christmas I may have to give a few more. In the seventy-five families there are 315 persons. On Monday the baskets will be laid out for display at the Humphreys Building, corner Main and Sherman streets, from 10 a. m. until 12 noon and I will take great pleasure in asking the public if possible to come and see that the Lord is Good.

On Christmas Eve at Humphreys Building, in the Salvation Army Hall there will be a short musical program by the children, commencing at 7 p. m., then Santa will give his presents. This Christmas tree is for all and no matter how many come, Santa says he will have a present for all.

The baskets to be distributed contain the following:

- 1-3 pound pork roast.
- 1-2 pounds cranberries
- 1-6 pound sack of flour
- 2 pounds sugar
- 2 pounds butter beans
- 2 pounds blackeyed peas
- 2 pounds rice
- 2 pounds Irish potatoes
- 1 pound bulk coffee
- 1 can corn
- 1 can English peas
- 1 can Carnation milk (large)
- 1 can baking powder (small)
- 2 fine apples
- 2 fine oranges
- 1 box raisins (small)
- 2 loaves bread
- 1 can preserves (small)
- 1 bunch turnip greens
- 1 Christmas War Cry
- 1 shopping basket

George Laing.

MARRIED FIFTY-FOUR YEARS AGO TODAY IN LIMESTONE COUNTY

Mr. J. A. Wright, one of Limestone county's oldest citizens, states that he was married fifty four years ago near Prairie Grove, this county, and that he well remembers that there was plenty of snow and sleet over the country. His bride was Miss Mattie L. Waller, a sister of our townsman, Mr. D. A. Waller, who passed away some two years ago. Mr. Wright now makes his home with his son, T. E. Wright on East Palestine street, and is still in good health for a man of his years.

CHRISTMAS TREE AT CENTRAL PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH TONIGHT 7:30

The Central Presbyterian Church Sunday night will be aglow with the spirit of Christmas.

At 7:30 a delightful program will be rendered, as follows:

Reading.—The Three Kings, Margaret Storey.

Christmas Hymn.—Children of the Primary Department.

The Twenty Third Psalm.—Francis Elaine and Zeno King, Jr.

Reading.—Selected.—Bettie Nell Phillips.

Piano Solo.—Miss Elise Gibson.

The Gift.—Mrs. Hickman's class.

Christmas Hymns.—Bible Classes.

Christmas tree.

Distribution of gifts.—Santa Claus.

Recitation.—The Legend of the Christ Child.—Miss Mary Adele Woodard, accompanied by Miss Elise Gibson.

The public is cordially invited to attend.

Rebel General Estrada Must Fight Back Very Soon

MEXICO CITY, Dec. 22.—Capturing Esperanza and Oriental, the federals pushed forward upon Puebla with the certainty of occupying the city Saturday, according to official dispatches. These successes are almost as important as those scored on the west front where Guadalajara has been practically surrounded.

The rebel general, Estrada, will be forced to fight within a day or two.

Rebels on the east front are taking defeat with bad grace, according to a staff officer of the federal army, who reported that upon entering Esperanza he found that the rebels had destroyed oil tanks and caused other wanton damage.

The Obregon army now has munitions and equipment for 200,000 men, but it is maintained that need of such a force would not arise.

OIL COMPANIES TAKE OFF FOR HOLIDAYS

Local offices of many oil companies closed at noon Saturday for the holidays. The holiday period for office employees has been made possible through the wet spell which has tied up activity in the field.

Blake Smith stated that the doors to the E. L. Smith Oil Company offices were locked at noon Saturday and would not be open again until Wednesday. The home office here and the field office at Corsicana were both included in the order to close up and enjoy a merry Christmas.

J. K. Hughes stated that the offices of the companies bearing his name were closed at noon and would remain closed until Wednesday. "Most every one has gone somewhere, but I am going to stay right here in Mexia during Christmas," Mr. Hughes stated.

Many of the employees of other companies and heads of departments representing the major operators, too, have taken a holiday.

Quite a number from the Humphreys offices, also have joined the large number of Mexiaites who will enjoy a few days with relatives and friends in other parts of the state and country.

FIRST METHODIST CHURCH

The pastor will preach a Christmas sermon at 11:00 a. m.

At 7 p. m., Mrs. W. E. Landrum will give "The Other Wise Man." The music and other features of the service will be in keeping with the Christmas tide.

Monday night at 7 o'clock the Sunday school will have a Christmas tree.

THE WEATHER

East Texas.—Sunday probably fair and colder.

West Texas.—Sunday probably fair and colder in extreme southeast.

ROBBERS LEAVE RECEIPT FOR MAN'S BENEFIT

KANSAS CITY, Mo., Dec. 22.—Robbers who ransacked the home of E. C. Blomeyer of household goods and money totaling \$1,500, left a receipt so he might collect insurance without difficulty.

SHOT TO DEATH BY BANDIT GANG

ST. JOSEPH, Mo., Dec. 22.—R. B. Cobb, shoe merchant was shot to death in his store by a bandit last night. His son fired three shots at the robber who escaped.

FARMERS PAYING EXCESSIVE RATES

Spend Millions Needlessly for Interest on Store Credit, Says Department of Agriculture.

BANK RATES THE LOWEST

Department Urges Thrift, Industry and Reliability on Farmers to Win Credit Standing—Bankers Asked to Help.

The cost to farmers of credit from stores is more than 25 per cent when calculated on the basis of a yearly interest rate, while banks charge little more than 6 per cent, says the official report of the Department of Agriculture on its recent survey of farm credit in North Carolina.

"Farmers would profit greatly if they could place themselves in position to borrow from banks and pay their bills with cash," the report continues. "Merchants would be benefited, since they could then give their attention strictly to merchandising and avoid the risk of loss which they now assume. Bankers would also profit, due to the resulting improvement in farmers' financial condition and the increased business which these farmers would give the banks."

A Matter of Habit

Discussing the question as to why farmers rely on store instead of bank credit, the report says that many do so out of habit and do not realize how high the cost of the store credit is.

"There are others, however, who cannot obtain credit from banks," it goes on. "This is often due to the fact that no contact has been established and the farmer's credit rating

has not been determined. Banks prefer character and general business ability over any tangible security in making loans. A REPUTATION FOR THRIFT, INDUSTRY AND RELIABILITY IS THE BEST POSSIBLE ASSET FOR A MAN WANTING CREDIT."

"The first step in giving farmers better credit is to build up better contacts. This will require co-operation of county agents, farm organizations and the bankers themselves. But the banks cannot do it all. Effort toward a better acquaintance is necessary on the part of farmers. Frankness regarding their business affairs is essential."

This large part credit cost plays in agricultural conditions is pointed out by the department's report, which says North Carolina farmers contract debts amounting to more than \$200,000,000 annually, and therefore a difference of only 1 per cent in the average interest rate would affect the net income from agriculture there approximately \$2,000,000 each year. More than half the farmers in the areas investigated relied on merchandise advances, and the total merchant credit was nearly three times the short-term bank credit.

High Interest Rates
The average interest rate charged for merchant credit was 22.3 per cent, the survey reveals. "Credit from local stores was the most expensive, costing an average of 26.6 per cent. Landlords came next in order, with a rate of 21.5 per cent. Factories and their agents are much lower, with rates of 14.2 and 17.0 per cent respectively."

"Fertilizer and living expenses" are the chief purposes for which merchant credit is extended. Stores apparently handle more of such business than all other agencies combined, while banks carry less than one-sixth of the total. That the farmers fail to obtain needed short-term credit direct from banks constitutes a handicap to agriculture in North Carolina, since the rate on such loans is materially lower than on short-term loans from all other sources."

SALVATIONISTS STRIVE TO AID NEEDY OF CITY

The local corps of the Salvation Army have been vigorously working on their Christmas charity campaign. For a week, rain or shine, Santa has stood upon the corner of Sherman and Commerce streets by one of the two pots placed there to catch the nickels and dimes that mean so much to the Yuletide cheer of the unfortunate of Mexia.

Captain George Laing states that the corps has planned to deliver baskets of food on Christmas day to a large number of needy families and that the baskets will cost just about \$4.20 apiece retail. He also stated that it will cost about \$400 to give as many baskets as he thinks will be needed. The corps is making a determined effort to raise this amount, however, in order that there will be no home in Mexia without its share of happiness.

Large contributions have been received from some of the clubs and individuals in the city. There is a use for every dollar that comes in, and not one penny will be wasted if dropped into one of the pots before Santa disappears from the streets. There is only one day more and the public is urged not to forget the needy in the rush of their own happiness. The Salvation Army is not an organization for profit but its purpose is to bring joy to those who otherwise could not know

Christmas for the happiness it brings and to clothe the needy.

Any amount, large or small, will be appreciated. Captain Laing urges that if a person can't give in large contributions put in a small one. Every little bit helps. Keep the pot boiling and aid in making the good feeling this year so contagious that everybody will catch a genuine case of it.

He'll Put That Under Lock and Key.

(From the Toledo Blade)
If Senator Hiram Johnson ever got an answer to his letter that was stolen and published he doesn't consider it any of the public's business.

According to Christmas greetings received by friends in Mexia, Rev. D. C. Gafford and family are now in Dublin, Texas.

Married in 1883, a mother before her seventeenth birthday, a grandmother fifteen years later, at the age of 31, is the record of a woman living in Carmarthenshire, Wales.

COLORADO—\$1,000,000 bond issued for road construction in Mitchell county.

Any one wishing a calendar that owns a car and has not received a card will be glad to give you one if you will call at our No. 1 Station and fill out one of the cards. Mexia Battery and Tire Co., Inc. 18-10

January "American Magazine," January "Woman's Home Companion" on sale Pioneer News Stand. 20-2

Cooking Classes Make Home Makers Of Girls Living In Soft Coal Districts; Mine Operators Provide Education



While educational authorities in states having a large rural population are bending every effort to improve the work of rural schools, the educational directors in coal-producing states are finding that the school of the mine town is a problem in itself varying widely from that of the ordinary rural school; that teachers trained for city or rural work have difficulty in adjusting themselves in the schools of mining towns. But the progress which is being made, according to information gathered by the National Coal Association, is constant, and is a factor in attracting the better class of miner to the towns which have better school facilities.

Where the school of the mining town of 20 years ago was often a dilapidated shack, to-day the school houses are substantial buildings with modern equipment and supplies, in most cases. There are some exceptions to this, which have been due in part to the rapid development of mining towns, although now in many communities the companies are settling aside dwellings which are being converted into overflow schools. This is particularly true of newer communities in the bituminous fields.

To quote one investigator: "The girl of school age in the mining community is an assistant mother, and to meet the peculiar needs of the industrial environment many schools are including domestic science classes in the upper grades, so that they may improve household efficiency. Like the picture above, which was made in one of the bituminous camps, these classes are helping the girls to become homemakers, as many of them marry and continue life in the coal fields."

In the mining towns, with very few exceptions, it was found, company officials are very keenly interested in the schools of their communities, lending financial aid to supplement the regular salaries of teachers, in order to attract a better class. Some of the companies have given large sums, in addition to school taxes, to secure better conditions, as the children would suffer from the lack of educational opportunities unless this was done.

Other cases were found of companies which have furnished houses complete, with rent, light, fuel and water free for the teachers in their communities.



Plaid Dress With Velvet Collar—



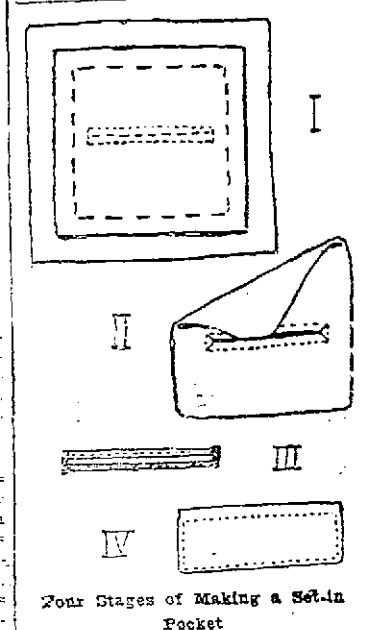
Ready for Sports or General Wear
The well-dressed woman, whether she goes in for athletics or not, owes much to the sport styles. Here, for instance, is a costume fitted from the sports list that looks well at any hour of the day.

Velvet is an old favorite that has lost none of its charm in the new fashions, but rather has changed a flattering revival because of its adaptability to general and semi-dressy as well as dressy wear. Here, developed into a smart coat, it lends distinction to a dress of plaid design. The jacket calls for 2 1/2 yards of velvet or velveteen 54 inches wide, while the dress takes 2 1/2 yards of 58-inch flannel to make.

The jacket is trimmed with a deep shawl collar and a four-pointed collar, sleeves, trimmed with three cuffs of wide braid. The two buttons at the front of the jacket and on the sleeves are of white or enameled ivory. On each side of the front there are two pockets.

In the diagram the method of putting in the pockets is illustrated. Baste the pocket to position first, then with a row of bastings, mark where the opening is to be. Stitch straight across, about 1/2 of an inch above and below the bastings (Fig. I), then slash the velvet on the line of the bastings.

Draw the pocket through the slash to the inside of the jacket, then baste and press. Arrange another pocket section underneath the edges even (Fig. II). Now baste together to keep perfectly smooth and stitch



all around the edges, about 1/4 of an inch from the edge (Fig. III). But, include the corners to give them a neat finish and make them strong. Take the outer flap and baste over where basted. The buttons at the pocket and sleeve, when arranged independently this is much better, for when worn it can be removed and the pocket will still have a finished effect (Fig. IV).

Wonderful Advancement In Radios Declares Stuart Auto Supply Man

It was just a few years ago that wireless telegraphy was accepted as a proven fact and commercially adopted, and still fewer years ago we began to hear of wireless telephony with no more concern in the average mind than was accorded the efforts of the Wright Brothers in their experiments with heavier than air flying machines but today, thanks to the untiring efforts of scientists and experimenters in radio it is now possible to sit at your own fireside and hear the news of the world, concerts by the world's finest musicians and speeches of noted men just as clearly as tho you were present and in a close up seat, in fact the radio listener is in direct contact from the transmitter of the sender to his receiver.

In talking radio and its apparent mysteries with Mr. Stuart of the Stuart Auto Supply, the place on the "Bright Corner" the writer of this article was greatly interested to learn something of the now famous "Neutrodyne" receiver which at a single stroke has removed radio reception from the experimental stage and placed it at the service of all mankind with the same degree of accuracy as that enjoyed by the user of a local telephone.

"The Neutrodyne receiver," said Mr. Stuart, "is the result of several years research work by Professor L. A. Hazeltine, Professor of Electrical Engineering at Stevens Institute of Technology, Hoboken, N. J. Professor Hazeltine is one of the world's leading consulting radio engineers and

a fitting climax to his other achievements in the field of radio is the Neutrodyne circuit which will revolutionize radio broadcast reception. The first announcement of Professor Hazeltine's achievement was made in his lecture before the Radio Club of America, at Columbia University, New York, on March 2, 1923 and soon thereafter Neutrodyne receivers had demonstrated in every part of the United States their superiority for local and long distance broadcast reception.

"Technically the Neutrodyne circuit neutralizes the inherent coupling capacities of both the vacuum tubes and their associated circuits in the receiver eliminating distorting regeneration and local re-radiation and other radio receiver circuit disadvantages so common in all radio receivers up to this time with the result that in actual use the squealing, quaking and scratching noises incident to the best receivers of the past are eliminated in Neutrodyne and so efficient is this wonderful receiver that hunting and searching for broadcasting stations is merely a matter of turning to the numbers of the particular station to which you would listen in a manner not unlike using a local automatic telephone and then without interference hear their broadcasting with any degree of tone volume you may wish."

ROARING SPRINGS—Five full train loads cattle shipped during past few weeks.

JEWELRY

S-U-G-G-E-S-T-I-O-N-S

For Late Shoppers---Come Early Monday

\$65 to \$150

\$15 to \$45

\$10 to \$100

\$15 to \$45

\$2 to \$15

\$2 to \$12.50

\$4 to \$15

\$20 to \$50

\$2.50 to \$15

\$1 to \$5

\$1 to \$10

\$15 to \$150

\$1 to \$10

\$2.50 to \$5

\$15 to \$1000

\$6 to \$12.50

\$2 to \$7

\$12.25 to \$31.75

\$2 to \$15

\$13 to \$65

\$5 to \$45

\$3.50 to \$15

—No matter for whom you are seeking a remembrance you will find something in our shop that is sure to strike a responsive chord.

Jewelry Constantly Increases in Worth and Charm.

Diamond Jewelry Co.

"Mexia's Leading Jewelry Store"

Our Prices Are Reasonable And Just.

Students Return Home for Holidays

Among the Mexia students attending university and college elsewhere who have returned for the Christmas holidays are the following:

Henry Desenberg, U. of Michigan
Allen Bryant, Cecil Dunlap, and Griffin Thrift from A. & M.

Jack Simmons and Harold Adamson, from Allen Academy.

Eugenia Klotz, Elizabeth Karner, Myrtle De Long and Hazel Laird from C. I. A.

Dorothy Moore and Melba Petty from S. M. U.

Clay Berry, Janie Berry and Dinah and Johnny Harper from Southwestern.

Reuben and Felix Parker and Steve Womack from Terrill School.
Leland Phillips and Billie Buckner from Baylor.

Harry Klotz, Ernest Watson, and Jack Womack from Rice.

Clyde Keeling from Texas Military College.

Mason Pilcher from A. and M.

There may be others but we have not been able to see them to get their names. But we welcome all of them and wish for them a most merry Xmas and Happy New Year.

The Kaufman Grocery will be open until ten o'clock Monday night, Christmas Eve. J. P. Dunaway, prop.

FOR RENT—Completely furnished 2 room apartment. Also three room shack. All modern conveniences. 269-J or 712 East Titus. 23L3

W. C. Lamb of Navasota was a visitor to the city Thursday.

THE WORLD IN TABLOID

MARIETTA, Ga., Dec. 22.—J. W. Brown, engineer, was killed when the engine of the Dixie Flyer on the Nashville, Chattanooga and St. Louis from Chicago to Atlanta turned over this morning. Advances to rail officials said none of the train of Pullmans overturned and no passengers were injured.

ROCKWALL, Texas, Dec. 23.—Officers captured two automobiles, seven men and a cargo of 22,000 worth of bonded whiskey. The automobiles were stuck in the mud when the officers, searching for robbers, came upon the men.

WASHINGTON, Dec. 22.—Secretary Hughes will neither withdraw nor submit to arbitration, documents he made public following refusal to negotiate with Russia, a high State Department official declared. The government is fully convinced that the documents are genuine despite the denial of Soviet foreign ministers, who said the documents were forged.

DALLAS, Texas, Dec. 22.—Negotiations are under way to arrange a game between the Scott High eleven, Toledo, Ohio, national champions, and Abilene High, winner of the Texas Interscholastic League title. It would be played here January 1st if negotiations are successful.

ALBANY, N. Y., Dec. 22.—Responsibility for the fatal crash of the Twentieth Century Limited on the New York Central two weeks ago at Forsyth, was placed upon Engineer Patterson by the Public Service Commission. The wreck resulted primarily from an automobile stalled on the track, but Patterson failed to act on signals displayed to protect the train, the commission held.

ATHENS, Dec. 22.—Premier Gonatas of Greece has resigned. The republicans demanded the resignation following their success in the elections, but Gonatas at first announced that the government would retain power until the national assembly convened and elected its president. Gonatas is the leader of the party which lost many seats in last week's elections.

W. K. Boyd left Saturday at noon for Terrell where he will spend the Christmas holidays.

Sim Bounds, of Tehuacana, was a visitor to Mexia Saturday.

Mr. and Mrs. Dewey Miller, and Mrs. Tom Bounds, of Tehuacana, were in the city Saturday afternoon.

Dan S. Dove, of Tehuacana, has accepted a position as advertising solicitor with the Waco News Tribune. He will leave to take up his duties on the 26th of December.

The Kaufman Grocery will be open until ten o'clock Monday night, Christmas Eve. J. P. Dunaway, prop.

Mrs. J. L. Smith and daughter, Mrs. J. L. Metcalf, left several days ago for Norwood, Ga., to spend the holidays with Mrs. Smith's daughter, Mrs. Steadman.

January Red Book, January True Romances now on sale, Pioneer News Stand.

G. A. McGee of Corsicana was in the city Thursday.

HAS DREAMS COME TRUE

LANSING, Kans., Dec. 22.—For three successive nights, James Rivers, oldest prisoner in point of service in Kansas penitentiary, dreamed he would be freed. The next day he was ordered paroled after serving 21 years for murder in Ardmore, Okla.

EASIER AND SAFER DRIVING

"In spite of the large number of expert drivers handling automobiles and trucks it is surprising how few of them hold the steering wheel in a correct manner," says Arthur G. Zeller, President of the Michigan State Automobile School, Detroit.

"A popular but quite improper way," Zeller states, "seems to be to grasp it near the front side, resting both forearms across the wheel and leaning the body slightly forward. While this gives fair control of the car, all the engine vibration and steering gear road shock passes from the wheel rim into the muscles and bones of the forearm. A feeling of fatigue is quickly caused by the continued vibration and frequently sets the driver to napping at the wheel."

"I have no doubt that many highway accidents come from this method of driving."

"The next time you go for a drive try it this way. Settle yourself comfortably in the driver's seat, grasp that portion of the steering wheel rim closest to your body in such a fashion that your elbows hang closely to your sides; each upper arm and forearm bent to approximate a letter L. The right hand palm should be up, the left hand palm down."

"With the steering wheel held in this fashion the car will steer easier and you will experience less fatigue."

K. L. Turner of Amarillo was in Mexia on business Thursday.

Josephine McCorrick of this city was operated on at the Mexia General Hospital Friday and is doing nicely.

Mrs. Horace Walton, who has been patient in the Mexia General Hospital for two or three months, is improving.

L. M. Gardner of Waco was in Mexia Thursday.

Paul Hall, with the J. R. Naege Lumber company, left Saturday for Hillsboro to spend Christmas with the home folks.

Mr. and Mrs. T. W. Adamson of Houston are spending the holidays with their daughter, Mrs. Tom Nolan.

Pay your poll tax.

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MEXIA, ATTENTION! FORWARD, MARCH!

Mexia, basking in the sunlight of opportunities, in the midst of possibilities for triumph unparalleled in any city of its size in Texas, needs to be aroused because of the close quarters to which that greatest of all enemies to progress—INDECISSION—has driven her, lineup as an invincible army, come to attention and move forward into the thick of action.

There must be no halt now.

Should there be any hesitation whatsoever, it would result in loss irretrievable.

Mexia will liken herself unto the foolish man who built a steel framework for a great structure and then failed to complete the building, or be in the same class with the railroad company that laid its rail lines and then refused to secure rolling stock, should she hesitate to act and to develop completely a greater city on a foundation that has been firmly laid.

J. Desenberg of this city has offered a suggestion, which if carried out will do much to advance the interests of Mexia and this entire section. He has suggested a city auditorium, in a memorial building, dedicated to the heroes of the world war, a structure to be built by popular subscription and largely out of funds already subscribed to a "lost cause"—a Mexia Y. M. C. A.

Under flourishing and normal civic conditions, of course, the best way to build a civic auditorium would be by bonds. But the Mayor and Commissioners state that Mexia is already bonded almost to the limit. Growing rapidly, with many municipal improvements badly needed, to a certain degree, Mexia faces an empty treasury when considering them.

But the way for the citizens to meet Mr. Desenberg's proposal is not to pass it off with excuses, not to ignore the appeal and the need for such a structure. But to make the same decision in this instance as was made one year ago at this time, when several hundred Mexiates responded to an appeal for subscriptions to the Y. M. C. A. Then when that is done, build the building without needless delays.

Men and women of Mexia and those who are yet to come will not stand for a poorly equipped city, if they have to pay city rates for everything that they find available here. They will move. They demand good schools. They have them. They want well equipped parks. They are entitled to them. They want good libraries. They have the building already here and all that is now needed is an adequate maintenance fund. They want better street lights. Their safety makes this call imperative. They want their city free from hazards to public health, such as the open sewers that run through the heart of the residential district. They want better streets in addition to those now paved. In addition to these there are perhaps twenty more crying needs that could be listed here, as they have been listed before. With a civic auditorium, such as has been proposed by Mr. Desenberg, not only would the act in itself prove worthy of a loyal and grateful people, but a place would then be available that would encourage the coming together of the citizens of Mexia and this community whenever a common cause is to be considered, or something done in regard to all the other important matters now before them.

This is no time to pitch camp. It is time to go into battle. It is the hour of sober judgment, self sacrifice, unity and ACTION.

Mexia, forward, March!

THE EXPRESSION OF THE SPIRIT OF CHRIST—THAT'S CHRISTMAS.

Happiness is not in selfishness, but in service; not in hate, but in love; not in receiving, but in giving.

The Christmas season should be the expression of the spirit of Christ. If it is not that it is a vain holiday, a worthless tradition, a selfish subterfuge.

The custom of exchanging gifts at this season of the year is a useful as well as a beautiful one. It draws together. It reunites. It sets to ringing all the bells of joy in human hearts. Families and friends find fellowship in a new bond of affection, the influence of which follows throughout the frosts of winter, and on through until Christmas time comes again. Each succeeding Christmas, therefore, should be better than the one the year before, growing better, brighter and merrier just as the earth should be made to rejoice more and more as the gospel of the Savior sheds its beneficent influences on every continent and on the seven seas.

As this day of all days approaches, have you the Christmas spirit in your heart and life? If so, then your gifts will bear a double blessing. They will be appreciated for their value and also for the spirit in which they are tendered. They will be so accepted and a blessing will also come to you who give.

The first Christmas brought to mankind, sin sick and discouraged, the most priceless gift ever received in this world. In our joyous celebration of the holiday period, let us not forget that the real meaning of the season is the spirit of love, of service and of sacrifice. The message which the Young Child brought to the plains of Bethlehem were not for the period of Herods who would have long since been forgotten had it not been for their tyranny over young life, but is an eternal and universal message. If we let it guide our lives through this period and the next and the next, the old world will be better, the Star in the East, the emblem of Hope and Promise, will shine forth in iridescent lustre again and again, while the Celestial Hosts Angelic song will pour from the lips of men, and earth and heaven will join in one grand refrain, "Peace on Earth and Good Will to All Men."

AND THY NEIGHBOR

Christmas sees the anniversary of the birth of one who as a man sent forth ideas which have changed the world, and will continue to change the world to the end of time.

Whether you acknowledge Christ as the ruler of your life or not, you cannot escape His influence. The very year points to him as the center.

Even His followers have put into practice all He commanded, but in seeking this end they grow—as will you.

Much of the teaching of Jesus was summed up by Him in two commandments: To love the Lord, and thy neighbor as thyself.

If an employer loves his neighbor as himself he will give employees all they earn—and workers will give an honest hour's toil for an hour's pay, the storekeeper will see that the buyer gets his money's worth, even of Christmas trinkets, and the father will guard his lips that he say nothing he wouldn't wish said to him were he the son of the family.

Regular church attendance will help you to attain the self-control which enables you more nearly to love others as yourself. Along this path alone lies true happiness.

Let every Christmas wish remind you of church.

THE MEXICAN SITUATION

So far the United States has been very optimistic in regard to the recent uprising in Mexico, but with the spirit of rebellion gaining more momentum as the days go by Uncle Sam is beginning to worry a little as to the outcome. At first the revolution looked as if it would be checked by the Obregon Government within a very short time but to the present writing no progress has been made toward peace, instead the rebellion has spread to seventeen of the twenty eight states of the republic since the outbreak less than three weeks ago.

With President's recent recognition of the Obregon Government it seemed that Mexico was about to return to a safe and sound basis again, but like a bolt out of a clear sky, Adolfo de la Huerta, a life long friend of Obregon, and until recently Minister of Finance in the Obregon Cabinet turned against the president and also General Calles, Minister of War. General Sanchez sided with Huerta and almost overnight they had armed a small army along the Gulf coast.

On the heels of the news of the outbreak came news that Vera Cruz, the principal seaport of Mexico, was in the hands of the rebels, and the poor Mexican population got into the fight not realizing what they are fighting for but just because everybody else was doing it. It seems to be in their blood to rise up in arm just before every presidential election to see their candidate put into office.

Since Porfirio Diaz was exiled in 1911, Mexico has had seven presidents: Francisco de la Barra, Francisco Y. Madero, Victoriano Huerta, Francisco Carbajal, Verustiano Carranza, Adolfo de la Huerta and Alvaro Obregon. And unless Obregon can put a speedy end to the present situation it looks as if there will be an eighth. Huerta, leader of the revolution, served as president during the interval between the killing of Carranza and the election of Obregon. The real cause of the political split is on account of the coming election with President Obregon a strong supporter of Calles as his successor while Huerta is equally as strong opposed.

After the revolution had been launched at Vera Cruz with General Sanchez and de la Huerta as its leaders, there was a proclamation issued by Huerta charging the President with many things which if proven true should force him out of office at the earliest possible time. Among some of the charges are: That Obregon had plotted the assassination of certain deputies, that he had nullified by executive order the Supreme Court of the nation. That he sought to control the election machinery and that he has armed political agitators, while on the other hand the friends of Obregon strongly deny all charges made by de la Huerta and charge that Huerta as minister of finance plunged the nation into bankruptcy and that he had been incompetent as a public official and ingrate as a friend.

For about six years, the United States has maintained an embargo against arms and ammunition going into Mexico across the border, but it seems that some one has been laying in a supply in the gulf coast town, thus explaining why the revolution began in the Eastern part of the republic instead of on the northern border as is usually the custom.

A TONIC FOR ALL THIS CHRISTMAS

W. B. Landrum in his address before the Lions Friday gave expression to some splendid thoughts of interest to every citizen here, gems which we are glad to reproduce, because of their unquestionable worth.

They follow:

"At this season when the old year is being ushered out and the new year invited in, it is customary to take stock or 'check up' on our business affairs. Our taxes are due; the income man comes around to 'check up' on those who are fortunate, or unfortunate, enough to have to pay income tax.

"I think, we should 'check up' on ourselves, and see how we stand with our fellow Lions, our neighbors, yes, and our Lord. We pass this way but once, and our greatest desire should be to do all the good we can, to all the people we can, in every way we can, at all times we can.

"When I was a boy in old Kentucky, my grandmother used to 'check up' on me pretty often, but more especially in the Spring of the year. She would tell me my blood was too thin. (We really do today need thick-blooded, red-blooded Americans). She would make me drink sassafras tea, dogwood root bitters, and wild cherry bark bitters. Dogwood root and wild cherry bark will absolutely ruin the palatableness of anything on earth. These were bitter doses and hard to take, but there was no choosing on my part, I took them.

"I have some tonics here today I wish to prescribe to the members of the Lions Club.

"First is the INFORMATION TONIC. This should be taken in small broken doses. It is impossible to assimilate all information at one time.

"When important issues are presented to us we should inform ourselves as to the merits or demerits of them. Were we properly informed we would be for many things we are now against, and against many things we are now for. I believe had the people of Mexia informed themselves, we would now have an up-to-date, workable charter under which Mexia could go forward and accomplish the things we are all hoping will be accomplished.

"Next I wish to prescribe the PEP TONIC. The 'P' stands for Preparation, the 'E' for energy and enthusiasm, and the 'P' for persistency.

"William J. Bryan says: 'Success may be defined as the conjunction of opportunity with the preparedness to meet it.'

"Preparation is very important. Young men and young ladies go to college to prepare for life. A young man who had

GUEST OF THE HEART

By Ben E. Hunt.

CHRISTMAS TIDE

The Christmas tide is coming,
There's sorrow on the hill;
O Christ, make us a blessing
To souls now sad and ill!

The Christmas tide is coming
To those upon the hill,
And we shall ease their burdens
For Christ is with us still!

Oh, I shall carry tidings
To sorrowed ones and ill
And there shall be great gladness
For those upon the hill!

The world would have no trouble,
In valley or on hill,
If hearts were kind and tender
To those now poor and ill!

The Greatness of Little Things

THE GROWTH OF THE REPUBLIC

E. D. Shurter, Director General of the American Citizenship League, recently called attention to the marvelous growth of this nation from a small beginning:

In part he said: "Did you ever try to visualize the panorama of our Republic as it unfolds itself from small beginnings to its present gigantic proportions?"

"First, we see groups of widely separated communities making common cause in behalf of the ancient guarantees of Anglo-Saxon liberty; then jealous colonies not yet capable of realizing the real opportunity of democracy, yet striving after some semblance of union amid the clash of jealous interests; then a written document, the most wonderful and the most important in all history, composed through tragic compromises and such discouragements as only a group possessing high sense and almost superhuman foresight could overcome; then a young Republic, though still lacking complete unity, yet virile, confident and led by men who were at once experienced, wise and consecrated to the high principles of the government which their written Constitution had established; then followed a period of development under the leadership of such geniuses as Marshall, Webster, Clay and Calhoun."

"Then the tragic necessity of removing the evil growth of slavery which had been left by the hard necessities of compromise on the part of the delegates to the constitutional convention; then with a reunited nation, with a continent whose resources challenge the best efforts of its citizens, aided by a new world of steam and force and modern industry and our free institutions have completed the picture of the great World Republic which we today behold—the only Republic on earth of any such vast proportions, a Republic whose beginnings were rooted in eternal principles, whose development bears most favorable comparison with that of any other nation in all history, whose ideals are the highest, and whose flag is loved and respected, while other flags are only feared."

CHAMBERLAIN IN CHARGE OF APPLIANCE DEPARTMENT OF COMMUNITY P. & L. CO.

L. R. Chamberlain has arrived to take charge of the electrical appliance department of the Community Power & Light Company of this city. Mr. Chamberlain hails from St. Louis where he was connected with the Chance Manufacturing Company, manufacturers of electrical supplies and specialties.

The department of which Mr. Chamberlain is in charge is one recently added to the Community Power & Light Company. The News takes pleasure in welcoming Mr. Chamberlain to Mexia and extends wishes for a very prosperous stay.

Pay your poll tax.

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"The last ingredient—persistency—is very necessary. Many of us are good beginners, but few of us are good finishers. There are many race horses that can run a fast quarter or half, but it takes a Zev or In Memoriam to run a mile and a half and finish strong. Many of us are quarter horses but few of us are Zevs or In Memoriams.

"The last tonic I wish to mention is SANDINE or PURE GRIT. Stick-to-it-ive-ness; 'Fight it out on this line if it takes all winter' spirit.

"If the members of the Lions' Club will take these tonics, I predict we will accomplish wonderful things for Mexia during the coming year of 1924."

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—Charles Dickens.

CITIZENSHIP Thought for the Day

Ablene has attracted the attention of the country this year because of the championship football team the high school in that state has put out the season just closed.

All over the state the question is being asked: "How does Ablene, a comparatively small city manage to turn out great high school football teams like that of this year and like those of past years which have likewise attracted attention?"

The coach of the squad has answered the question, showing the importance of beginning early in athletic training.

He says: "Ablene has an athletic system that starts in the grammar schools. Every public school in the city has its coach and football team, and through that medium a wealth of material is discovered and developed. There are only five ward schools in Ablene, but they turn out more than a dozen good football teams each year. By the time a student reaches high school he has had experience and training. The finishing touches then are all that are needed to turn them out into champion ship machines."

Early training, found so helpful in football and success on the gridiron, likewise has an important place in the development of the citizen in every other walk of life. America needs to give more heed to this great truth.

Letters from People

MEMORIAL BUILDING

Editor,
New, Mexia.

I wish to give my endorsement to Mr. J. Desenberg's proposal as to an auditorium and American Legion Memorial Building.

There are no more liberal, charitable or public spirited citizens than J. Desenberg, Julius Nussbaum and their good wives and families. Joseph Nussbaum was of the same type and we would like to see him come back to Mexia and be one of us again.

When a citizen of this calibre and type makes a proposal, you may know that it has been thought out along the right lines and that it is both practical and feasible and should be supported and endorsed by every public spirited citizen.

A. T. SCHULZ.
(Editor's comment: The News will be glad to hear from all other citizens in regard to what they think of Mr. Desenberg's proposal above mentioned.)

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CENTRAL TEXAS PRESS

By N. P. Houx.



A pathetic story comes from New York that a young woman 23 years old offers to sell her eyes to any one who will give her enough to keep her from want. Says she has seen enough of the world and is willing to live the balance of her life in darkness.

Young man, you cannot spend a dollar that you have never earned. Remember this; can't be done.—McKinney Courier-Gazette.

The dickens he can't! Lots of boys now-a-days are spending lots of dollars that they did not earn. And some of them will be "up against it" if they ever have to go to "earning."

Any man opposed to the dry law can discourse for hours explaining that the country is worse off now than it was when it was openly wet. But all this will not alter the fact that there are usually only from one fourth to one-half as many men in the Jasper county jail now as there used to be in the old days when booze flowed free.—Carthage (Mo.) Press.

Maybe some of them are in their graves, since the modern booze kills more than it formerly did.

As a general thing, the kind of man who tells you prohibition is a farce will soon ask if you know where he might get a drink.—Snap Shots.

No doubt the fact that he cannot get a drink is the reason he thinks it is a farce.

An Idaho college president says the Nation is too full of censors. That is a swipe at us w.-e. reformers. But we scorn such thrusts and shall go forward until we succeed in getting the mote out of every neighbor's eye.—Geo. Bailey in Houston Post.

That professor is dead wrong. There are not enough censors to keep down the rotten, suggestive songs that we continually hear on the vaudeville stage, and often in parlors when the "music machine" is playing the latest popular record. And also, there are pictures flashed before the children of the country that are too vile for even grown people to look at. We either have too few censors or else they are laying down on the job.

A girl friend of ours when told that dishpans are now being used for antennae said she didn't know what that was, but she wasn't going to have anything to do with dishpans for any purpose.—Palestine Herald.

Dishpans and darning needles and scrubbing brushes and babies all are things a good many girls of our day avoid, even as the devil is said to avoid holy water; and therein lies in part, no doubt, the explanation of the constantly increasing ratio of divorces to marriages in this country. Another part of it lies in the laziness, extravagance and immorality of a good many of our young men.—Terrell Transcript.

What a terrible state of affairs, to be sure? And yet there is considerable truth in it all.

The Hustler is grateful for all the many kindnesses shown it during the past year. It has not been as successful in a business way as has been the case in some of the past years, but its business has been entirely satisfactory; enough so to begin the new year with a clean slate and a clear conscience.—Thornton Hustler.

A clean slate and a clear conscience! Man alive! You are rich and don't seem to realize it. A clear conscience is enough to make a fellow feel happy, but to have a clean slate with it. Lucky Joe House. But Joe deserves it.

A Bachelor Prince.

It is said that the Prince of Wales is about to "abdicate" and renounce his rights to the throne of England, because he refuses to get married. Evidently he prefers "absolute freedom" to a crown with strings tied to it, and home "ties."—Nick Houx in Mexia News.

The Prince seems to be a natural born bachelor. He either has a very low regard for the emoluments of kingly office or a very high regard for personal freedom. He "pants not for public honors nor will he disturb his quiet with the affairs of state," or with the affairs of matrimony.—Sam Miller in Mineral Wells Index.

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We charge 25c for all gasoline and tire service calls inside of the city limits; 50c per mile thereafter. A charge of 25c to everyone for taking off and putting on chains. Mexia Battery & Tire Co., Inc., Nos. One and Three Stations. 18-10

Chief of Police J. A. Thompson went to Dallas Wednesday night on business for his department.

OPEN HOUSE ON MONDAY NIGHT IS SUCCESS

The House Opening night at the High School Monday night was well attended by the patrons of the school and everyone marveled at the magnificence of the building. The weather was not at all ideal but about seven or eight hundred people braved the workings of Jupiter Pluvius and were well justified in their efforts, for a most delightful program was rendered.

The people were met at the door by the officers of the Nairators Club, the boys organization, and were then turned over to the members of the club who escorted them through the building. They explained everything as much as possible and in the Manual Training workshops there were members of the organization who showed them all of the tricks about the machinery and made several small pieces of work as samples. The exhibit of the Manual Training classes were very interesting and much comment was passed on the work being done by the boys this year and much credit was given to their instructor, Mr. Evans. The Mechanical Drawing room exhibit caused quite a bit of comment also.

The Home Economics rooms were visited by practically everyone, where everything was explained to them by members of the H. E. classes. There were several specimens of the work on exhibit which were declared by some to be exceptionally good.

At eight o'clock the crowd assembled in the auditorium for the program of the evening. The first number were several songs by the girls Glee Club under the direction of Miss Ledbetter. Mr. Puckett, supt. of the city schools, made a few introductory remarks welcoming the citizens and patrons of the town and school. He introduced, as the first speaker of the evening, Judge W. M. White, president of the Board of Education, who, in his talk, presented the building to the citizens of the town. He stated that Texas ranked very low in education but that Mexico was not to blame at all, for she had done all possible to further her school system by obtaining the best faculty possible, building a fine structure for the accommodation of the pupils and having a fine curriculum. He gave the names of several towns of the state that were comparatively the same size as Mexia and the number of units of affiliation that their school had. (He also gave the largest number of affiliation of units). San Antonio has 48 1/2 units, Dallas 48, Fort Worth 40, Houston 39, Corsicana 28, Waco, 35 1/2, Groesbeck 20 1/2, Teague, 21 1/2, Taylor 26, Temple 27, Marlin 33 1/2, Mart 22 1/2, and Mexia 31 units.

Mr. Ben S. Smith was the next speaker and he accepted the school building for the citizens of the town. He spoke in highest regards of the building and its equipment and voiced the appreciation of the town people for the building.

Next was another song by the girls' glee club, which was followed by a talk from Principal Roy M. Andrews on the work that we are doing here and what we intend to do in the future. Next came a drill by the girls physical training classes, under the direction of Miss Anne Earle.

Immediately after this number, which concluded the main program, the guests were invited to the cafeteria where they were served, or they made their way to the gymnasium where the girls were playing volleyball and other games for their amusement. About eleven o'clock nearly everyone had departed and old Meli was left alone for the remainder of the night.

ENVOY AND MRS. HOPPER SEND GREETINGS FROM ABILENE SALVATION ARMY

Friends of Envoy and Mrs. Joe Hopper of Abilene, former Salvation Army workers in Mexia, are receiving Christmas greetings from them in their new field of labor. Their greeting is:

"Just a word to you this morning In the good old fashioned way, 'Merry Christmas and God bless you.' Other things one well might say: But I like the plain old phrasing, For this day of all the year—'Merry Christmas and God bless you.' With His best of Christmas cheer."

F. E. Reynolds of the firm of Harris Reynolds Grocers at Tehuacana has sold his interest in the firm to Marvin Bronaugh of the same place. Mr. Reynolds has been connected with the firm ever since its establishment and his many friends regret his leaving. The firm will not suffer for the change, however, since Mr. Bronaugh is an old resident of Tehuacana and is well liked.

MEMPHIS.—Construction of \$110,000 high school building nearing completion.

Keep your money at home by trading at home.

Campus Chatter

The Christmas edition of the Black Cat made its appearance to the students of the High School Friday afternoon just before school was dismissed. It is bound in a red cover with all of the printin' done in black ink with the Black Cat showing up well on the cover.

We haven't had a chance to read one of them as yet but we hope to see that they come up to the expectation of all of the student body. Misses Marguerite Franks and Leta Mae McCravy and Charley Wofford are to be congratulated on the work that they have done in the publication of this book.

We read in the Pantherette where they knew a person who ate so much angel food cake that he felt like the devil for a few days.

They say that some women know that they are pretty but that they want someone else to tell them so. We find it quite so in many cases.

They say that two heads are better than one but we think that one head should be able to do all of the work that two could do without much trouble.

Miss Earle hopes to be eating candy on Sunday and we hope that she will be too. No, we won't get any of it, at least we are not expecting to but we know that—Oh, well!

Kill two birds with one stone is the old adage but that is not the same these days. Who knows about it.

The seniors were entertained Thursday night by the Sophs with a kid party held in the gym. All present went back several years in appearance and knee pants, socks, rompers, short calico dresses and ribbon on the hair were very much in evidence. Many apples and much candy was devoured as well as was pop corn and chewing gum. Everyone had a most wonderful time. The gym was decorated in Christmas colors and a small Christmas tree occupied a portion of the room. Old Santa himself made his appearance during the ceremonies and gave presents to everyone.

Lelia Parker asked Buddie Storey if he was going to dress as a little boy for the party and Buddie replied that he was, and asked if she was going to do the same. "Why of course not," replied Lelia. "I'm going to dress as a little girl."

The curtain on the stage cam had a wreck Monday night at the house opening and we are thinking that there will have to be another one put up in its place. This one has never given any satisfaction what ever and we want that if nothing else.

Navarro Shriners To Hold New Year Dance The 31st

Navarro County Shrine Club, to celebrate with a big time and dance to be given at the Elks Club, in Corsicana, December 31st, all Nobles from this section are cordially invited and demanded to be there by the President of the Shrine Club, Noble John C. Calhoun; the fun will start at 3 p. m. and last till 222222.

Noble Calhoun would like to know how many to expect and instructs the Nobles of this section to confer with Frank C. Bolton, president of the Mexia Shrine Club and let him know if they are going. Do it now.

Miss Frances Corley, daughter of Mr. and Mrs. J. R. Corley is spending the week end in Fort Worth where she is a member of a bridal party. She has been attending S. M. U. at Dallas and following her Fort Worth visit she will return for the holidays with her folks.

M. P. Wells of Hearne was a recent visitor here.

WILL HORNSBY PLAY WITH GIANTS OR WITH ST. LOUIS IS QUESTION; FARRELL SAYS WITH ST. LOUIS!

By HENRY L. FARRELL (United Press Staff Correspondent) NEW YORK, Dec. 22.—"Five to one Hornsby doesn't play with the Giants next year. Odds also that he plays in St. Louis."

James J. Tierney, secretary of the Giants hurled "this stopper" to the report that John McGraw, manager of the National League champions on his return from Europe today would announce that he had fixed up the deal for Hornsby before he went on his vacation.

"The Giants have no room for Hornsby. We have the greatest second baseman in the league, the best third baseman and the coming greatest shortstop. We don't need Hornsby," Tierney said.

Tierney didn't go into the need of

the Giants for a gate attraction to compete with the world championship pennant and the great Babe Ruth that the Yankees will be sporting across the river next year.

Despite insistence of Giant officials that the Hornsby deal is cold, New York has accepted the "show me" attitude and will not believe that the St. Louis star is not a Giant until he starts working in another uniform next spring.

Even if the deal with St. Louis has been called off, another trade may be pulled that will bring Hornsby here from another club. The Giants have to do something to meet the red menace that will be big next year. Nobody expects the Giant leader to try for another pennant with what he has now.

"TONIES FOR THE LIONS" INTERESTS CLUB FRIDAY

At a meeting of the Lions Club called at 12:30 Friday two new members were added. They were, V. B. Gardner and Charlie Clover.

The meeting was one of the most epochal in the history of the organization, a history which reveals much splendid achievement in making Mexia what it is today.

After a short talk by President J. K. Hughes, the club on his motion voted to give \$50.00 to the Salvation Army in the interest of Christmas charity.

A committee consisting of J. Deisenberg, George Peyton, and Gene Sinclair was then appointed to start a safety council in this city fostered by the Lions. This move is a worthy one on the part of the Club and is to be commended by every true citizen who wishes to see the lives of people rated at a higher value than is generally accorded them on our modern city streets.

The meeting was then turned over to Lion Landrum, the leader for the day, who led a very beautiful and interesting Christmas program. His talk on "Tonic for the Lions" was as much enjoyed as it was instructive.

A solo was rendered by Lion Bell with Mrs. Roy Akin at the piano after which the club listened to a splendid talk on the origin of Christmas by Lion Deaves. Musical numbers were rendered by Mr. and Mrs. Harper and Rev. Joe Jeffers.

Guests introduced were P. M. Keller of Belton and Mr. Hunter, an eastern capitalist, who were here in the interest of the cotton mills.

In spite of the Christmas rush and the bad weather about forty were in attendance and president Hughes expressed himself as highly appreciative of the faithfulness of the members.

The club adjourned to meet immediately in the office of Blake Smith to discuss the matter of the cotton mills.

Woman Has Narrow Escape From Fire

An accident in the Spreng Building at the corner of Commerce and Paris streets came very near proving fatal to Mrs. William Kunow Friday about noon. The lady's clothing became ignited from one of the gas stoves in the second story of the building. Hearing her scream as she rushed from the room, William Spreng, who was passing, shouted at her to lie down. She did so and with Mr. Spreng's assistance the flames were extinguished. Nothing beyond minor burns was suffered by Mrs. Kunow. Mr. Spreng was burned a little about the hands.

A dime bank has been arranged in the rear cover of a savings bank book.

M. P. Wells of Hearne was a recent visitor here.

Postal Employees To Eat Dinner Christmas Day Same As Others

ORDER WILL GIVE RURAL CARRIERS WHOLE DAY—HALF DAY TO CITY CARRIERS.

Postmaster General Will H. Hays emphasized that he called the humanizing of the postal service during his administration. By which he meant recognition of a more kindly consideration of employees, the chivalrous element in the courtesies that do honor to the human side of service and make men feel that they are in fellowship with the great heads of departments and that they are individual and integral parts of the biggest and most efficient postal system in all the world.

In furtherance of this idea the spirit of kindness has found expression specifically in a recent order of Postmaster General Harry S. New and his aides, to the effect that all postal employees shall eat Christmas dinner at home at the usual time when all other people have their feast. To this end it is ordered that city carriers shall not make any deliveries after noon on Christmas day, and that rural carriers shall not make any deliveries at all on that day.

Heretofore rural carriers have invariably traveled their routes and delivered their mail on Christmas day the same as on other days. There is no reason why they should serve while others are taking holiday. It is unfair to require city or rural carriers to forego the pleasure of the greatest of all holidays which everybody else can enjoy so freely, it is stated. This order from the postmaster general and the department heads is only one of their many thoughtful and kindly efforts to humanize the service and the fairness and justice of the concession will be appreciated not only by postal employees but by the people generally.

The rain of the past week has apparently had little effect in decreasing the amount of mail being handled in local offices. All the mail bags that Postmaster Isidore Newman could secure have been utilized in handling a volume of mail which belies the idea that there has been a business depression here. Truck load after truck load of mail has been going out of here for the past several days. Mail

from Teague placed on trains in the afternoon, too, have indicated a big business for Uncle Sam in the neighboring town.

There are many dirty roads to be crossed in life, but with a little patience you will always be able to find a clean crossing.

C. A. Dawson of Cisco was in the city Tuesday.

Charley H. Winston of Waco was in Mexia on business Tuesday.

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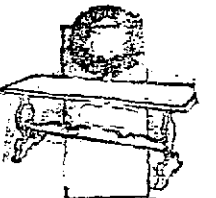
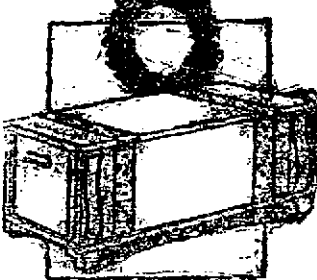
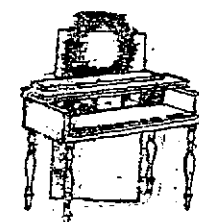
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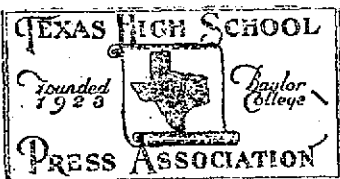
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YULETIDE CHEER

By WILLIE WRIGHT

Yuletide approaches and with it comes many treats and surprises, to mention nothing of the cold weather, some snow perhaps, meeting of old friends, many presents and last but not least, the many good eats which will adorn the tables this next week. The end of the year also draws near as we celebrate the holidays and we have many thoughts concerning the past year, what it has brought, and we hold high expectation of what the forthcoming New Year may bring to us.

To the students of all schools it holds many more joys than for anyone else perhaps, for they are free from their long hours of diligent study and preparations that they are making for their future life. They will get to frolic with their old friends who have been off attending school and they will make many more new acquaintances during the holidays.

Christmas is a time of good cheer and happy thoughts for everyone. It has been quite a number of years since the three wise men followed the guiding light of that one bright star on that memorable night with their many rich gifts for the new born King. But that has caused the world to stop its work on that day to pay tribute to him every year. The atmosphere is alive with the sense of the presence of something different from everyday life as the Yuletide approaches.

To our many readers and kind friends we, including the students of the school, wish a most merry Christmas filled with unselfish happiness and may New Year bring you a full measure of useful achievement.

It is the "Black Cat" Advertiser who makes that publication possible. No matter what the literary talent of the students might be, no matter how efficient the staff, no matter how skilled the supervision without the financial support of the advertisers the high school magazine would be only a dream without a possibility of materializing.

Although only one issue of the publication had made its appearance, and it could not even be entered in the contest at the Texas High School Press Association since the rule for entry was three successive issues, Mrs. Johnson, the founder and supervisor of the organization and the executive head of the journalistic department of Baylor College at Belton, gave it honorable mention and predicted for it a brilliant future. Numerous college and high school publications have praised its merits, some even going so far as to assert without reserve that it is the best high school publication which it has been their pleasure to have on their exchange list.

Is it not worth while to be responsible for a magazine of this nature? It is quite true that the Mexia High School is the possessor of an unusual amount of creative literary talent and without the result of this quality there could be no "Black Cat", but think of the tragedy of having the ability to write without a means of making the results public. It is the advertiser who affords that opportunity.

The business manager and the editors are working out a scheme by which the students will be able to make their appreciation to these business firms and professional establishments, which are our benefactors felt. To all the many people who read the Black Cat it is a desire of the staff to commend to them the ones who make the high school magazine a source of advertisement. The appreciation of each member of the staff and of each student of the high school is quite genuine.

MARGUERITE FRANKS, Editor
CHARLEY WOFFORD, Business Manager
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Mrs. Eagle: "Will some one please tell me what are the two genders?"
Herman Doyett: "Masculine and feminine. The masculines are divided into temperate and intemperate, while the females are divided into mild and ferocious."

Athletic Season Of Black Cats For Season Just Closed One Of Success under Coach E. H. Poteet

The past football season for the Mexia Hi Black Cats under the tutelage of Ernest H. Poteet, athletic director for the school, has been unusually successful. The team started out with only five letter men from last year's squad. These men were Buddie Storey, an end, Dub Kendrick, backfield, Malcolm Williams, backfield, Dick Williams, line man and Wayne Thompson a line man. Towards the first of the season, Kendrick, Storey and Dick Williams received injuries that held them out of both games and practice for quite a time.

With the return of Loy (Dutch) Cox from Terrill Training School at Dallas, to play his second year on the Black Cat squad and his third one of high school football, the team was strengthened very much. Dutch was elected Captain of the squad and he was a tower of defense for them. He gave the boys the spirit which only the Black Cats have both on the offense and the defense.

With more or less of a green squad to start work with, Poteet worked out an excellent machine against which only 19 points were scored and they scored a total of 141.

The prospects for the next year grid team is exceedingly bright as only three or four men will be lost. It is true that these men were mainly in the Cats line and backfield but they will not be quite as hard to fill had they been vacant at the beginning of the past season. Dub Kendrick will graduate this year and his presence will be missed by the players and fans enthusiasts of the city and school. Buddie Storey and Omar Seely will receive their sheepskins from Mexia-Hi in June and the Black Cat line will have to hunt up two good line men for their positions.

Wayne Thompson, star tackle on the Black Cat squad for the past two years, has been elected to the captainship for the coming season and he will make a good one without a doubt. He knows the game well, knows how to play it and best of all he is a clean sport.

Another thing that was overlooked in the first of this article was that never during the season did the Black Cat squad or Captain have a squabble with an official over any ruling made. This is a most creditable point in their favor but they were all sports and

took what was coming to them at every turn.

Coach Poteet is to be congratulated on the team that he coached for the school and here is hoping that he will be with them again to coach an even better team.

Looking Back at Sports.

The Black Cats had an exceptionally good year with the football squad and we are hoping that they have a better one next year. It is whispered that Barney Treadway will not be back but the young gent states that that question is far from settled at the present. Barney is a coming star of the high schools and the belief is that he will make as valuable a player as Dub Kendrick. He is, according to some critics, a decided better sidestepper than Dub and he can plunge the line as well as he can side step. That Kendrick is a better kicker and passer than Treadway, is not disputed but when it comes to receiving passes Treadway was one of the best on the squad.

Big Wayne Thompson, who was elected Captain of the Black Cats for 1924 declared today that the gang was going to train some next year sure enough. No cigarettes, no staying up late and must leave everything that will hurt them on the outside.

The football fans of Abilene High School presented Coach P. E. Shotwell with a brand new automobile. It is not said just what make car it was, but if they have the mud out there that we have out in the country around here it had better be a Lizzie.

The boys are all fussing about their sweaters. But they have not arrived yet, so it is impossible to get them.

Leland Phillips, Reuben Parker, Felix Parker, Steve Womack and Henry Desenberg have arrived home for the holidays and paid the school a visit.

Mexia Hi Girls Lose as Black Cats Win
The Black Cat eagles defeated the High School team from Coolidge Wednesday night by the score of 14 to 10. The girls team went down in defeat before the girls sextet from Coolidge by the score of 10 to 7.

Coach Poteet started a second string

bunch against the second pick of the Coolidge five. Mills at center; Stokes and Forrest at forwards and Bennett and Buford at guards. They were outplayed but they made their shots count for five points which was one more than the Coolidge boys could make. The Coolidge team had a big handicap in that they used too long passes and took too long shots at the basket. These shots failed every time. Forrest threw a foul goal and Mills and Buford rang up two field goals for the counters.

In the second half each team started the regular first string. Coach Poteet using Treadway and Lucas at forwards, Wofford at center, and Thompson and Cox at guards. They were outplayed by the Coolidge boys but the Coolidge five followed in the same tracks of the second string five by taking too many long shots and passes and the Black Cats rang up four field goals and one free goal from a foul. Lucas played his usual good game at forward and Treadway was right on his heels at the same position. The final score stood Mexia 14, Coolidge 10.

The Mexia Hi girls lost to the Coolidge girls but they played clean ball throughout the game.

Nairators Club Holds Interest In Fine Meeting

By Willie Wright

The Nairator Club of the High School held its regular meeting in the auditorium Thursday afternoon immediately after the dismissal of school. This meeting was the best that they have ever had and those who were absent missed the treat of their lives.

W. B. Kendrick, president of the club presided at the meeting and the first form of amusement, after the usual preliminaries were disposed of was a debate. The subject for discussion was "Resolved that the giving of Christmas gifts today is not with the same thought as it was at the birth of Christ." Robert Storey and Dick

Buford took the affirmative and Mack Walters and George Blitch defended the negative side of the question. After much laughter at the comical sayings of the debaters the judges were asked to retire and to return the verdict. The decisions were in favor of the negative.

Next came the surprise which was arranged by Miss McCravery. Miss Jessie Mae Shorrer gave a dance which pleased the audience very much. Miss Mary Adele Woodard favored the club with two clever Christmas readings. Last but not least was a clever dance by Miss Miriam Bass. These were enjoyed by the club very much and we thank Miss McCravery for it.

Next came another surprise in the form of a big box of home made candy from Miss McCravery and the boys ate and ate and ate.

Miss McCravery prided herself saying that she was the only person who knew just what the whole program for the day was but when she heard one announcement she withdrew her statement. The club presented her a gold fountain pen and a gold pencil. To Coach Ernest H. Poteet, an honorary member of the organization, was presented a belt, with belt buckle and cuff buttons to match. Coach (that's what we all call him) thanked the club very much for the present and told them that he was with them at all times.

They adjourned to meet Thursday, January 3rd, 1924.

brought roars from the listeners in her plea to the jury for the unfortunate victim.

Extensive improvements are being added by Allen Hatch to his home on Canton street. That area of the residential district, in which the Hatch home is located, is one of the beauty

spots in Mexia, being enhanced in beauty constantly, with new and handsome homes and noteworthy improvements to older ones.

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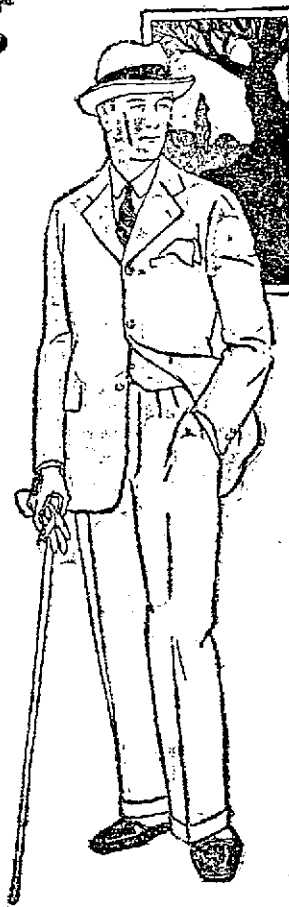
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NUTS FROM THE CHRISTMAS TREE

Morris Knox sent in the following bill to one of his dad's patrons:

"Ten comes, 10 goes, at 50c a cent; Total \$5.00."

Slime: "I notice where Marguerite has left town after a short stop."

Ditto: "I'm not surprised for she was always athletically inclined."

Coach Poteet: "Not a man on the squad will be given liberty this afternoon."

Coach: "Give me liberty or give me death."

Coach: "Who said that?"

Coach: "Patrick Henry."

"This let's me out," said the large toe as the shoe rubbed a hole in the sock.

Miss Earle: "What do cannibals do with the heads of their victims?"

Maurice Robinson: "Probably make noodle soup of them."

Buddy Storey: "Say, pop, do the heathen wear pants?"

Mr. Storey: "No-sh-h-h."

Buddy: "Then why did you put those pants buttons in the collection box today?"

Ha Mae Overstreet: "Say, Vera Jean, what would you give for hair like mine?"

Vera Jean: "Oh, I don't know. What did you give?"

Adam and Eve had an awful time. Truly I'm no liar; They couldn't own an automobile. Because they lacked a tire.

A little moonlight now and then Marries off the best of men.

Mr. Poteet: Our cook always cooks our boiled eggs too hard."

Mrs. Hill: "Why you are lucky. We can't get ours to stay that long."

The Cannibals Charol Society will gather after the consumption of the new missionary and sing, "Where is the Dear Old Grad-U-Ate?"—Exchange.

Mr. Poteet: "How do I know that you were at Miss ———'s house last night? I saw your car standing in front of the house on Hopkins Street."

W. B.: "Well maybe so, but I saw your shirt at the laundry yesterday but you were not there."

IS THIS TRUE LOVE

I asked my love to marry me; She smiled and said in sorrow, "I can't answer you, today, Perhaps I'll know tomorrow."

Tomorrow came I saw her not; I looked in many places, I sought her in the city crowds, I found only stranger faces.

I waited until the autumn time; When the leaves were turning yellow Then I saw that she had gone And married the other fellow.

And then I drowned my sigh in tears; And then I tried a merry whirl, And in about a month or so I married my other girl.

—Exchange.

MATHEMATICS AS TAUGHT BY

Love—Two equals nothing.
Kiss—Nothing divided by two.
Marriage—One plus one equals one.
Divorce—One from one leaves two.
Kiss—Take any given number from one and it will leave any given number.

HORSES BARRED FROM ASPHALT

Not so many years ago, "horseless carriages," as the first automobiles were called, were ordered off the streets of at least one Indiana city. Now the order has been reversed, for in Terre Haute horse-drawn vehicles are prohibited from using certain streets in the down-town district. Exception is made, however, for horse-drawn delivery wagons.

Trucks or wagons can not use any asphalt-paved street in Terra Haute except from the nearest intersection to the destination.

Marvin Bennett: "What did you mean by telling Clara Belle that I was a fool?"

Buddie Storey: "Well, pardon me old top, I didn't know that it was a secret."

Mr. Auld: "I have a chance for the track team."

Mack Walters: "Are they going to raffle it off?"

Sophomore Poems

My Girl

By CARLOS CLOVER

All the boys have girls it seems, To whom they tell their dreams; My girl's voice seems to me, Sweeter than any voice could be. She's got white hair—just like the snow; And eyes, blue like the skies you know. She stands by me through life's hard toil, No matter what troubles around me coil. Speaking of girls, I have no other For my girl is—MY MOTHER.

Sing A Song of Christmas

By ROY AKIN

Sing a song of Christmas, Pockets empty as can be; Forty-seven sweethearts Expect to hear from me.

But I'll meet it like a man, And borrow all the money I can; Isn't that an awful way, To ruin my only holiday.

Fame

REUBEN (Leadfoot) STOREY

While I puzzle my head over Ex's, Or dream of the time I'll rule Texas; I can hear some poor old Soph say: "I'd a poem in the Black Cat Friday."

He feels that he has won renown, His name's in every shack in town; So his heart is singing roundelay: "I'd a poem in the Black Cat Friday."

Jack (Carbolic) Mills was standing in front of Tidwell's Grocery Friday morning looking at a fish of unusual size. Finally he remarked to Dutch Cox, "The man that caught that fish was a liar."

Miss Ross: "Miriam Bass, will you please decline the verb amo for me?"

Miriam: "Yes, I'm afraid that I'll have to."

Ha Mae: "Would you put yourself out for me?"

So and so: "I certainly would!"

Ha Mae: "Well, please do. It's after twelve and I'm so tired."

Personal Item: Miss Katie Blank, a Batesville belle of twenty summers, is visiting her twin brother, Horace, age thirty two.

Telephone Girls On The Job on Christmas Day

While others are enjoying a holiday Christmas day, the telephone girls will be "busy at the switch." So when you try to get a number and Central is a little slow, don't grow impatient. She is doing her best, while others have no duties that confine them to their places of business on the day of Christmas reunions and holiday cheer. Some of the young lady operators in Mexia will enjoy part time off, but the telephone business is one that never rests. Its on the job day and night, 365 days in the year.

A Hamburg capitalist lent 10,000 marks to a baker on a mortgage several years ago. Recently the baker paid off the loan with a 7-cent cake.

NATIONAL Monday - Tuesday and Wednesday



Dinner Is Served

By Jessie Mae Sherrer, Junior

For the past two weeks, the girls of the Foods II class have been serving semi-formal dinners to at least three guests. Each girl planned her own menu, decorations and order of work and each dinner was served with a girl acting as maid.

In this study we learned to serve formal dinners which may be transferred, with a little effort and thought into a dinner for home service. There were ten dinners served and each one had an entirely different menu. The last menu served consisted of tomato cocktail, saltines, celery, olives, plank steak, peas in tomatoe nests, buttered carrots hot rolls, Christmas salad, chocolate parfait and coffee.

Each dinner proved a success which was due both to the work of the students and the aid of their competent instructor.

Physiology Class Hears Address on Eye By Pittman

Tuesday, Dec. 18, Dr. W. D. Pittman gave the Physiology class a lecture on the eye. He had two cows eyes for each student, and by his direction we cut them open, dissected them and discussed the different parts of the eye. He showed us the difference between the cow's eye and the human eye so that we could fully understand it. He stated that the hog's eye is very much like the human eye. He also told us how to take care of the eye and discussed the fitting of glasses. His talk was greatly appreciated by the class and by our teacher, Miss Earle, and we sincerely hope that he will come again.

MEWIA ELKS TO HAVE DANCE CHRISTMAS NIGHT

The Mexia Elks will have a big Christmas tree at their home on north Sherman street Christmas morning at 10 o'clock and all the poor children of Mexia are invited. They will be given toys and other goodies that go to make them happy, be sure to come and have a good time, Santa Claus will be there.

A Mexia officer raided the Carpenter Hotel Thursday night about midnight and busted into a spirited poker game. Four white men were arrested, and made to pay fines of \$23.70 apiece in Judge Osborne Kennedy's court.

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- Caster
- Mouse
- Buck
- Gazelle
- Fawn
- Beige
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- Gun Metal
- Medium Gray
- Pearl
- Steel
- Zinc

Christmas Morning in the Thoughtful Home

Secret closets and drawers have given up their mysterious packages. Days and weeks of plotting and planning for each others happiness have reached their climax. In the glow of the lighted tree the excited youngsters exclaim their happiness at each new discovery. There are candy and nuts and toys of course, but the children, as well as the grown ups, will be most delighted with the thoughtful, useful, practical lasting gifts that Santa Claus brought. For such are the gifts that convey the consideration for each other that makes the Thoughtful Family ideal.

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None too young, none too old, to appreciate the comfort and convenience of such a gift, especially when they are such attractive, well made slippers as we are showing in styles and sizes for men, women and children.

Space forbids a detailed review of the many styles, variously priced, that make choosing here so pleasant.

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Marlin Man Heads T. A. Association In 1924

Heck Declares A. B. Will Be A Good One Alright

By HECK

As per schedule the meeting of the Texas Association was held at the office of J. W. McLendon Friday, Dec. 21, with the following clubs represented: Waco, H. A. Dupuy; Marlin, A. B. Johnson; Mexia, J. W. McLendon, while Corsicana and Austin wired their proxies to Mr. McLendon.

A. B. Johnson of Marlin was elected president. John H. Sweett of Mexia re-elected vice president, H. H. (Jinx) Tucker of Waco, re-elected secretary-statistician. The new president is a well known business man of Marlin and his selection as president will meet with the approval of all the fans and club owners about the circuit who admire him not only for his ability as a baseball leader but for his clean cut sportsmanship and his ever willingness to fight for all that is good and clean for the game and I am giving you fans a tip right now that "A. B." will make a corking good president and let all cross our fingers and hope that Santa Claus will bring us a flock of good umpires for next season.

A schedule committee composed of the Waco, Austin and Mexia clubs was appointed by the new president and everything pertaining to that end of the game will be well taken care of. "Jinks" Tucker, sports editor of the Waco News-Tribune, was re-elected without opposition and that was sure a relief as Jinx is about the best secretary-statistician to be found in minor leagues and I know that covers a heap of territory but it goes just the same and at the same time I hand Jinx the palm for the best baseball page in the circuit—and lots of other circuits also. It looks like Dupuy and McLendon were going to swap a flock of players but I have a hunch that they both got scared that the other was pulling a "David Harum" stunt and the last I seen of them they were standing in the pouring rain in the middle of Commerce street still trying to make a trade. Dupuy has swapping material that Mexia could use but he wanted the S. P. railroad thrown in to boot. McLendon offered him the T. & B. V. but Harry wouldn't see it that way. It looks like Temple will be with us as the sixth member of the loop and I think it is already a cinch now that Johnson is president as the Tempelites are sure strong for the Marlin proxy. "Guess that won't be some keen little loop with Mexia, Waco, Marlin, Temple and Corsicana all in a bunch thataway," stated Rex Forrest after the meeting and I sure second the motion for Rex and it means much for the league as it will cut the heavy railroad expense off the books expect on trips to Austin and as there are so few people ever going to Austin that the railroad companies are willing to make any kind of a rate just to get people to go there and use their depots so they can hold their insurance policies on them. Gene Sinclair didn't have a word to say the whole meeting until it closed and then he asked "when do we eat." Player deals will fly thick and fast now and there will be gobs of dope oozing over the wires so keep your radio tuned in for the dope as it is turned out and I will keep you posted on the doings just as fast as I can.

To all you fans, regardless of whether we agree on anything or not, I want to take this opportunity on behalf of the Mexia Baseball club and myself to extend you our best wishes for a happy holiday and our sincere wish for all the good things in life in 1924.

Right Triumphs In Act of Boy

An honest, hard-working boy who had made three dollars selling Sunday morning papers was on his way home in the northern part of town when he was overtaken by one of his boy chums. Being exuberant over his success, he engaged in a friendly trial of strength with this chum on the grass near the Central Presbyterian church. In the scuffle his money rolled from his pockets without his noticing it.

Another lad who was passing, observed the money and quietly seating himself near it, he deftly scooped it into his own pocket while the attention of the others was diverted. Then making an excuse for his early departure he left them.

Not until he was ready to go home did the lad who owned the money realize his loss. Suspicion pointed to the lad who had left so early and immediately the two boys went in search of him. They met him returning from home and proceeded to search him very unceremoniously. The one under suspicion, however, disclaimed any knowledge of the money, and in the absence of evidence he was permitted to proceed.

About an hour later the lad who had taken the money appeared at the home of the loser and produced the three dollars saying that he had found it in a hole near the church. The lad who owned the money was overjoyed and ran to tell his mother of the return of his funds. He offered to reward the finder but the offer was graciously (?) refused.

ON THE WAY DOWN TOWN

By SLYBOOTS

Saturday being one of those over-cast sky affairs, the like of which Carl Mays always rejoiced in, for the reason that he could get his fast ball working past the batter, I felt that I had better get my nose a working and see what I could hear that might remind me of the lost arts.

At the corner of Kings High Way, or right in front of Zeno King's—(The new name that Commissioner Rex Forrest has given Ross Avenue,) and East Commerce, I found Wallace Welch and Allen Hatch in deep meditation. On drawing closer I learned that the discussion was regarding some kind of a club, of which I knew nothing, a Canadian Club, I believe it was called.

Wallace stated that the club which they were considering organizing was to be one of tried and true membership and that the pass word was to be agreed upon when the next acceptable prospective member approached. Just about that time Sam Cox came lumbering around the corner, his foot slipped and he made a grand stand stab for his hip pocket. I told him there were no high jacks around, but before I had finished Allen gleefully exclaimed "Ah there is the counter sign."

Just who can get into this club will be hard to state as these fellow citizens left me in ignorance and I was not disposed to ask any questions on the subject. Besides chief Thompson was making it snappy toward the City Hall and I knew he must have a story for me. A consultation followed, as we came on down town. He told me that he had just received word from San Antonio that the traveling representative of several well known Mexia citizens had just been captured with the goods on.

At Main and McKinney, we found Dr. Lennie Metcalf looking heavenwards. I said Doctor do you think it will snow today. He said that he

didn't know and didn't care much as the weather was not hurting anything but business. "What are you doing looking at the clouds for then?" I asked the Chief. "I'll tell you," the Doctor said, adding; "My wife has gone for the holidays and I have heard that there is music in the air but that they come through waves, and I was just looking for some kind of consolation in the air."

"Poor man, poor man," I mumbled, as I left, but he brightened up considerably when I shouted back that I saw a man with his jaw wrapped up looking down the street out through

the window of his office.

Marcus Corley was in front of the Oasis as I passed there. He was engaged in serious conversation with Arvin Epperson. The very earnestness of their voices brought me to a stand still. Marcus was asking Arvin: "Would you marry a girl on ten dollars a week?" To this the one addressed replied: "Why yes, if she has a steady job."

In front of Paul Lobit's place at the corner of Commerce and Sherman Joe Jeffers, George H. Bell, and W. B. Landrum had formed a crowd. Joe was saying "When I sing I get tears

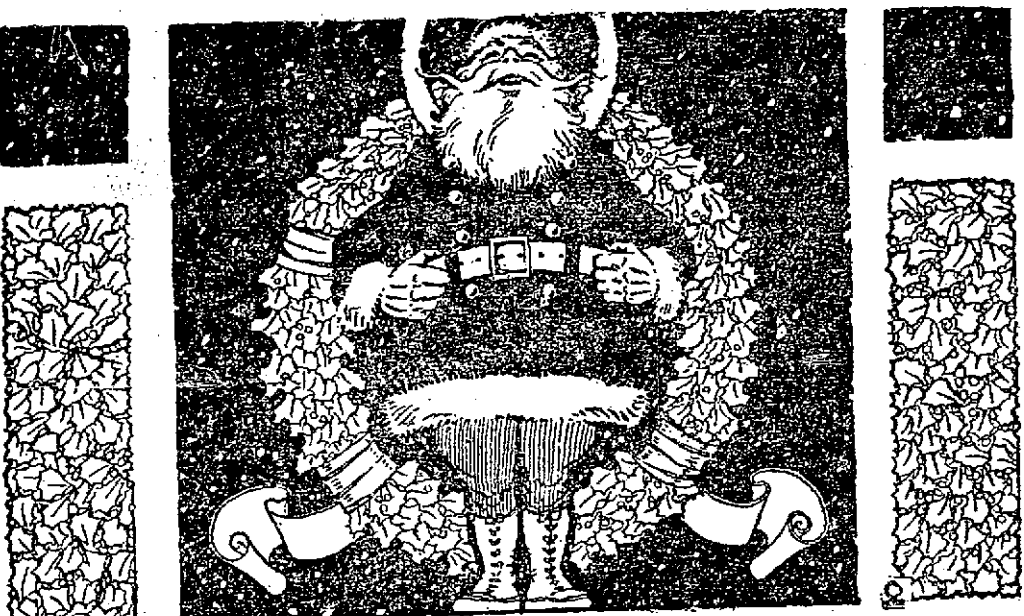
in my eyes. What can I do for this?" Bell responded: "Stuff cotton in your ears. That's what I do." Mr. Landrum was not interested in singing, so he brought the subject back to oratory. "What is the best way to acquire a flow of language?" he asked. By that time John McElroy had joined the party and chimed in for Mr. Landrum's edification: "Why just go out to Gusher park when the game's not going to suit By Heck." With that we left and I came on to say "Merry Christmas to you, one and all."

WANTED TO RENT—50 or 75 acres of land on third and fourth. Can furnish self. T. D. McWatters, Route 6, Mexia, Texas. 23E1

FOR SALE—One complete radio receiving set. First class condition. Phone or see J. F. Lumus at Humphreys Garage. 23J2

We charge 25c for delivering gasoline any place in the city limits, 50c mile thereafter. Applies to everyone. Mexia Battery & Tire Co., Inc. 18-16

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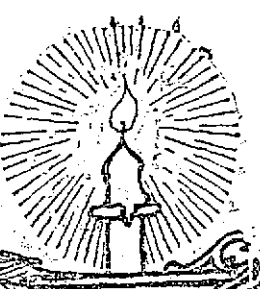
To All of Our Friends and Customers We Extend the Season's Greetings

And in the coming year it is our hope that you will prosper in a material way and gain greater wealth and contentment than ever before.

Our store will remain open Christmas Eve night until 10 o'clock in order that you may make your gift purchases.

Buy your gifts at our store—the house of a thousand gifts.

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To Our Many Friends and Customers

—The spirit of the season prompts us to express our appreciation of your past favors and we extend our best wishes for a Merry Christmas and a Happy New Year of prosperity.

For your convenience we will be open Monday until 11 p. m.

Help us to give you better service. Phone your order early.

Closed all day Tuesday, December 25th. We have on hand a limited number of 1924 calendars. Don't fail to get yours.

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INCOMPARABLE VALUES IN CHOICEST GROCERIES FOR YOUR CHRISTMAS TABLE

To the connoisseur of "good things to eat" Tidwell's has long been "home" in Mexia. From the four corners of the world we are continually bringing together the choicest edibles to be found—ever striving to serve the discriminating public a little better, to give the highest quality always, for a little less. Around this policy we have steadily built a mammoth Retail Grocery business in this city of Mexia with a discriminating clientele of which we are justly proud and deeply appreciative.

For Your Christmas Table This Year We Have the Choicest and Most Complete Stock We Have Ever Had.

Come in—take a basket—serve yourself—you will be pleased. Our store closed all day Tuesday in keeping with the Christmas Spirit.

We Wish Every One a Happy Christmas.

TIDWELL'S SELF SERVING GROCERY AND MARKET

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Season's Greetings

To You, and To Those Whose Happiness Is Yours
A Merry Christmas and A Happy New Year

It's the same old wish in the same old way, that we are wishing you this day, but to one and all, it's as little as we could say.

With the close of the year, we will record our Anniversary Number One.

Our first year's business career in Mexia, for the firm of HIGDON-McELROY COMPANY, has been all that we should ask for. We have enjoyed a nice business, a pleasant and a profitable year's work.

We have renewed acquaintances and friendships of boyhood days.

We have made many new acquaintances in a business and social way, that we now number among our best patrons and friends.

It has been our aim and our desire at all times to not only sell you merchandise for the profit we derive from it alone, but to lend our assistance in every way possible to keep Mexia the BEST TOWN in TEXAS to live in.

We own our business home, we are here to stay; our financial investment here should prove to the world our confidence in the city. The repidity in the growth of our business in these short twelve months demonstrate to us the confidence we have won in the hearts and minds of our many satisfied patrons.

To you who have patronized us in 1923 we are indebted for our success, and as the old year rolls out and we draw nigh to the end of what we might term a Perfect Day, again we wish you a Very Merry Christmas and may the New Year be filled with Happiness, Health and Wealth.

For those who have deferred their Christmas shopping till the 11th hour, we have arranged our Gift Dept. in our store in an accessible way so that you may easily, with the assistance of our shoppers service, complete your list of gifts in a very short while.

Open Monday, Christmas-Eve, until, 10:00 p. m.

HIGDON - McELROY CO.

SCORES OF MEN FIGHT TANK FIRE AT WEBSTER

HOUSTON, Tex., Dec. 21.—Scores of men were toiling feverishly today to prevent a spread of flames from a 55,000 barrel oil tank on the Humble tank farm at Webster, near here, struck by lightning last night. Sixty oil tanks, with a capacity of 1,000,000 barrels will be threatened if the flames spread from the burning tank. Earthen embankments are being heaped about the fire to hold the flames if the tank should boil over.

Nebraska Will Vote On Ford For President

LINCOLN, Neb., Dec. 21.—Henry Ford's name will appear on the Progressive party ballot in Nebraska for president, Secretary of State Poole announced today. A petition fulfilling the requirements for nominating a candidate has been filed for Ford, Poole said. Personal request of Ford to remove his name from the ballot will be the only means of preventing his candidacy in the Nebraska primaries, Poole said.

The Last Notice Before We Sue

DALLAS, Texas, Dec. 21.—The lines that form in front of the general delivery window at any postoffice are no less interested but less reflective of the dramatic side of life than that section of the lobby where desks are provided to read the letters that are received. A young woman of exceptional smartness, exuding an air of refinement and culture, held her place in line with a score or more others waiting for her turn at the General Delivery window. She finally got a letter from the clerk and retired to a spot near the window to read it. Opening the missive she quickly registered a look of surprise and consternation. Her fingers became limp and the letter, a sheet of paper with a red border, fluttered to the floor. She reeled slightly and leaned against the wall. A fatherly looking old gentleman offered aid. Someone called an ambulance. The woman made an effort to regain her composure as she became conscious of the gathering crowd. Her eyes fell on the letter which lay face up on the floor. It read: "Last notice before we sue." The young woman threw back her shoulders and gave the crowd a belittling look. "Let 'em," she said as she walked briskly away.

Human Nature As Seen At Theatres

FORT WORTH, Texas, Dec. 21.—To understand humanity get a job in a theatre box office. That's what Miss Peggy Stengall, "queen of the box office" in a local theatre says. From human tide that sweeps by her window she can pick out a man's occupation unerringly. "Bootleggers," Miss Stengall says, "always buy lodge seats. They always have lots of money and buy the best." "Married couples usually buy balcony seats, but they go downstairs during courtship."

LEVIATHAN, AGROUND

NEW YORK, Dec. 21.—The giant liner Leviathan, the largest passenger in the world, is reported aground in the upper New York bay. The ship will probably be delayed until nightfall. Her position is not dangerous. Thousands of passengers will be delayed in reaching their homes for the holidays.

TURKEYS

During the holidays 20c pound dressed. Pecans 5 pounds and over 15c. Just unloaded car best West Texas eggs. Sawyer Produce Co. Phone 259, 113 N. McKinney. 21-7. We charge 25c for all gasoline and tire service calls inside of the city limits; 50c per mile thereafter. A charge of 25c to everyone for taking off and putting on chains. Mexia Battery & Tire Co., Inc. Nos. One and Three Stations. 18-10.

Radio reports of the game between Abilene and Waco for state Championship at Dallas, received at Cox, Forrest Drug Store, is drawing a large crowd of football fans this afternoon. W. B. Landrum was leader at the Lions' club today. An interesting program was enjoyed. It is a good deal easier to get engaged than it is to get disengaged.

Patterson's Column Real Fir Tree For Christmas



DALLAS, Texas, Dec. 21.—Dallas' municipal Christmas tree this year will be a real fir tree from the forests of Washington. Young lady or young gentleman: If you are at a loss what to buy for him or her, consult Fred Bennett at his drug store, he is a wizard at suggesting the right thing. North America with one-twelfth of the world's inhabitants uses close to half of all the timber consumed in the world. HOUSTON.—Henrietta Thomas, negress, run down by an autoist. "Are you hurt?" he asked. "I've hurt bad," she said. "Sorry," the motorist replied and drove off. TOMORROW IS the last SHOPPING DAY before CHRISTMAS. FOR ONE year and more WE HAVE been telling YOU FOLKS HERE in Mexia ABOUT WHAT a fine stock WE WOULD show you for THE HOLIDAYS and we are MAKING GOOD. FOR MORE than a week OUR STORE has been THROGGED WITH crowds of EAGER BUYERS and our BELIEF IN Mexia and the VIRTUE OF legitimate ADVERTISING HAS been more THAN JUSTIFIED. WE ARE pleased and happy AND FOLLOWING our usual CUSTOM WE are this year TRYING IN our feeble WAY AGAIN to spread a LITTLE JOY along the PATHS OF those less FORTUNATE THAN we OURSELVES SO we have INSTRUCTED MR. Piggly-WIGGLY TIDWELL to pack TWENTY NICE baskets of OF SUBSTANTIAL and tempting Eatables AND to garnish SAME WELL with Christmas GOODIES FOR the kids and TO TURN same over to our GOOD FRIEND Joe Jeffers THE BAPTIST pastor for DISTRIBUTION TO worthy FAMILIES WHO are unable TO BUY their own Christmas DINNERS. NOW IF any of my readers KNOWS OF such a family REGARDLESS OF race creed OR COLOR just phone the ADDRESS TO Joe Jeffers PREACHER AND he will RESPOND WITH his ready SMILE AND his charming PRESENCE AND to all on THIS DAY before Christmas THE WRITER of this column EXTENDS THE seasons HAPPIEST GREETINGS with A MULTITUDE of good wishes FOR A prosperous New Year AND—I thank you. —Patterson. PRESENTS FOR GENTLEMEN. Eversharp Pencils in gold and silver plain or engraved. Conklin Fountain Pens from \$1.75 to \$8.00. Pipes, Cigars and cigarettes in Christmas packages. Billfolds, extra nice ones. Cigar and Cigarette Humidors at Fred Bennett's Drug Store. Pay your poll tax.

FIRST METHODIST. The following program will be rendered at the First Methodist Church Sunday evening at seven o'clock. You are cordially invited to be present at this Christmas service: Song No. 64: "All Hail the Power of Jesus' Name." Invocation. Scripture Reading: Luke 11:8-14. —Rev. W. B. Andrews. Quartette: "Silent Night, Holy Night"—Miss Lucile Priddy, Mrs. Oscar Denning, Mr. C. L. Lewis, Mr. Sam McCord. "The Other Wise Man (Henry Van Dyke) Part 1—Mrs. W. B. Landrum. Vocal Solo: "Bethlehem Star"—Mrs. E. M. Strange. "The Other Wise Man" Part 2—Mrs. W. B. Landrum. Offertory: Mendelssohn's "Consolation"—Mrs. Roy Akin. Song No. 7: "Joy to the World." Benediction.

DINNER Xmas Day

—Of all the dinners served during the year—this is the most important. And it's no small undertaking to prepare for it.

—Just come to our store and we will be able to help you greatly with our many suggestions.

DRESSED TURKEYS A SPECIALTY

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| —Lettuce | —Oranges |
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| —Green Onions | —Texas Grapefruit |
| —Cauliflower | |
| —Cranberries | |
| —Cabbage | |

Assorted Nuts

—Walnuts —Brazil Nuts
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All Kinds of Fresh and Cured Meats.

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| Special-Six five-pass. Coupe | 1975.00 | 1895.00 |
| Special-Six five-pass Sedan | 2050.00 | 1985.00 |
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In justice to yourself, you should come in and see what Studebaker has to offer before you decide on any car.

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The line includes a complete assortment of the following:

- EVERSHAP PENCILS
- WAHLS PENS AND PENCILS in silver and gold sets.
- JEWELRY of the latest designs and patterns.
- EASTMAN KODAKS and Supplies.
- TOILET GOODS of the leading manufacturers in fancy holiday packages.
- STATIONERY in fancy packages including the famous SYMPHONY LAWN.
- HIGH GRADE CHRISTMAS & NEW YEAR GREETING CARDS
- ALSO a large assortment of TESTAMENTS AND BIBLES.
- MANY other articles that will please you.

We solicit your purchases on above items, as well as your prescription and drug needs.

Always Pleased to Serve You

Mexia Drug Company, Inc.

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is not only delicious and appetizing — freshly baked each day — but it is more nutritious than ordinary bread.

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—embodies entirely new features which totally avoid all possibility of harm. The hair when treated by this method does not frizz or kink, but forms into waves of natural appearance that actually last.

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GIFTS THAT LAST

When asked what you want for Christmas—say Jewelry—the gifts that last.

When you think of gifts for Christmas, think of Jewelry—the gifts that last.

A visit to our show cases will convince you that we have all there is in Jewelry.

HARRIE MEEK

Jewelry Department
Mexia Drug Co.

Old Jewelry Made New and Old Watches Made to Keep Time

MEXIA CHARACTERS HAVE BIG DAY AT GROESBECK THURSDAY

By E. L. (OLD) CROW

The busiest man on the streets of Groesbeck was our friend Tom Meador the picture man. He made it his business to get a single picture of every float that participated in the parade. Except the Queen of Sheba, I mean the Queen of Groesbeck was snapped twice.

Many individual poses were seen as he drew his camera up in front to make a picture of a float. Not satisfied with having posed seven consecutive times on as many different floats, a group of four Mexia men drew up in front of Meador's camera and posed for a single group picture size 8 1/2 by 10. The picture will be on display in a prominent window when finished.

The picture I would like to have gotten best of all was my friend Albert H. Berry plodding through the mud as the parade was forming, as history reveals that no great celebration has ever taken place without being shrouded with some mystery. No one seemed to know from whence he came, but he made his way to the float that was to carry the distinguished passengers. At the conclusion of the parade the mystery continued, for he was missed again from the throng last seen with a piece of barbecue in his hand enough to feed at least a dozen hungry people; however, it was reported that he was sitting at his desk as usual next morning.

One prominent doctor from Mexia, who drove to the celebration in his Buick roadster, had the distinction of sticking up in the mud, midway between Groesbeck and Mexia, and phoning to Mexia for help to come to his relief; they got stuck about a mile of the doctor and the doctor was successful in pulling the mechanic out of the mud after his own car had been liberated.

Among the unique and interesting figures in the parade was a typical pioneer family, in an old wagon drawn by a horse and a jack. In the wagon was a row of pink, cotton headed children peeping out upon the crowd that cheered them as they passed. On the seat sat the father chewing his tobacco and in his hand was a long whip with which he spurred his team on down the road, westward ho! Walking just behind the wagon was a retinue of two stiff legged mustangs, and underneath the wagon was two old blood hounds. These were followed by Silas Goolsby carrying a big possum, instead of his fiddle. Last but not least was a pioneer mother, wind tanned and by whose side walked her son, a bare leg boy. In silence they followed and with an expression as though the grasshoppers had eaten the entire crop or that a drought was prevailing. No ridicule accompanied the passing of this motherly historical character. Many who looked on may have had mothers who had worked just as this one seemed to represent. Her face might have been burned and hardened by the exposure of an over-worked life, but tender hearted, and white souled, how fair she was. In the old days, which the scene represented, mothers took upon their shoulders the helpmate's half of life, perhaps milked about ten cows in the dark of the early morning or late at night, after a hard day of toil. Sometime she carried a bucket of water from the nearest branch, a half a mile away, and cut her own wood with which to cook the scanty meals. Uncomplainingly she would go about her slavery, with a song of freedom on her lips, a cheerful ring to her voice and hope in her breast. She could plow or hoe, mount a broncho, participate in a round up or stand herd. Is it any wonder then that her children founded a Republic destined to endure as long as there are those who love her, and so long as there are those who care?

PRESENTS FOR YOUR WIFE OR SWEETHEART

Hubbants, Cetyes and Hudnut's sets in handsome presentation boxes. Golly Wag Extract and Toilet Water. Black Narcissus toilet water, etc. Variety cases in great variety. A splendid assortment of Miss Saylor's delicious candy from \$1.50 to \$9.50 per box. No better made. Fresh stock received. Fred Bennett Drug Store.

COMIC BOOKS for the children

Mutt and Jeff
Bringing Up Father
Barney Google and Spark Plug
Christmas and New Years
Postal Cards

Pioneer News Stand

German Students Face A Tragedy Quakers Assert

PHILADELPHIA, Dec. 22. (United Press)—Austria, although still hungry is starting public kitchens and other relief work for the starving millions in Germany, because they know their suffering is as nothing compared with that of the German people.

This information has just been received at the American Friends Service Committee headquarters here, from Quaker Relief workers in Germany.

"What these last three months have meant in tragedy piled on tragedy cannot even be imagined outside of Germany, no one person, even in Germany, can imagine it all," the Quaker Relief workers report.

"The fall in value of the dollar means that the funds on hand, and in sight, for student feeding, will care for only 500 students instead of 1,000 as last year. The dreadful alternative—give up your education or starve—remains for all but a lucky few of the students of Germany."

The young men and women students worked hard all summer to earn something for their maintenance this year; they pitied their courage and their determination against the steadily falling mark, which every day wiped out something of what they had accumulated in the previous days. In the very week of their return to their studies, the mark fell from a hundred million to the dollar to six hundred million—their summer's work gone like chaff before the wind."

DR. OATES LOSES AN AGED BROTHER

Friends of Dr. T. F. Oates will regret to learn that he has lost an aged brother whose residence is in Russellville, Arkansas. He was advised this morning of the death that occurred last night. The deceased, W. M. Oates, was almost eighty years of age at the time of his death. Dr. Oates visited him recently, knowing that the infirmities of old age were gradually driving him to the grave.

Pay your poll tax.

Mexia Twenty Years Ago

Compiled By N. P. Houx
From Files of Mexia Evening News
Of Dec. 20, 1903

Mrs. H. C. Nash and baby of Corsicana are visiting her parents, Mr. and Mrs. V. Wolverton.

Miss Birdie Gardner of Winkler is in the city the guest of Capt. and Mrs. W. F. Roberts.

Miss Retta Murphy is home from Milford to spend the holidays.

Charlie Yelverton, living near Tehuacana, is spending the holidays in Greenville.

John Rees, son of Wm. Rees of Tehuacana, has gone to Kansas to live.

Geo. A. Bell and W. M. White went up to Dallas this morning on business.

Malcolm Adams is up from College to spend Christmas with his parents.

Mrs. C. J. Sterling, who has been on the sick list for several days, is some better today.

Tidwell and Kendrick have decorated their barber shop for the holidays and it is a cozy looking little place. Step in and take a look at it.

Mrs. Dr. Loving, nee Miss Starley Parker, of Fort Worth, is here to spend the holidays.

Billie Simmons came down from Shawnee, Okla., at noon to spend the holidays at home.

Editorial—Col. N. P. Houx, the talented and enterprising editor of the Mexia News, was over to see Mart friends yesterday.—Mart Herald.

Gez Whiz! Kennedy. Bring over the whole office force and name your pizen.

Miss Barbara Peyton came down from Waxahachie where she is attending school, to spend the holidays at home.

Mrs. N. P. Houx and daughter, Miss Gerda Epperson, have gone to Tennessee to spend the holidays with relatives.

Houser Brothers have their meat

market decorated with cedar, evergreens and bunting. It is indeed a pretty place.

Henry Roller's little girl is now considered to be out of danger.

Misses Luella Smith and Nan Oates have returned from Corsicana.

Mrs. Dr. Baird and baby arrived from Dallas to visit her mother, Mrs. Mattie Smith.

Capt. Rado Steele has been appointed as county commissioner of this precinct to fill out the unexpired term of the late John H. Forrest. Capt. Steele is well qualified to fill the important office, and we know he will give satisfaction.

T. Moody and wife of Prairie Hill and their son, W. M. Moody of Tehuacana, are visiting the old home in Alabama.

Pat Jones left Sunday for Fayetteville, N. C., to spend Christmas with his mother.

Mrs. I. B. Cogdell left Sunday for North Carolina to spend the holidays with relatives.

J. H. Park is keeping books at the First National Bank during the absence of Bob Steen.

Fred Karner and wife went up to Corsicana Sunday to meet Mrs. Perry C. Baird, who will spend the holidays here.

J. F. Metcalf of Hillsboro spent part of Sunday here visiting his son, Dr. Lennie Metcalf, and left at noon for New Orleans.

Married at Tehuacana. Mr. Henry Unfried and Miss Mary Schuster were married last night in the college building at Tehuacana.

Both bride and groom are well known in this city and county, and have many friends who will congratulate them on the happy event and wish them a long life of usefulness, in which we sincerely join.

W. U. Smith, who is having a carload of fir trees shipped here has promised to donate the largest one he has for the municipal celebration, which will be held Friday night before Christmas.

I AM MUSIC

Servant and master am I, servant to those living and master of those dead. Through me spirits immortal speak the message that makes the world weep, laugh, wonder and worship.

I tell the story of love, the story of hate, the story that saves, the story that damns. I am the incense upon which prayer floats to heaven. I am the smoke which palls over the field of battle where men lie dying with me on their lips.

I am close to the marriage altar and when graves open I stand nearby. I call the wanderer home, I rescue souls from the depths, I open the lips of lovers, and through me the dead whisper to the living.

One I serve as I serve all; and the king I make may slave as easily as

I subject his slave. I speak through the birds of the air, the insects of the field, the crash of waters on rock-ribbed shores, the sighing of wind in the trees, and I am even heard by the soul that knows me in the clatter of wheels on city streets.

I know no brother, yet all men are my brothers; I am the father of the best that is in them and they, the fathers of the best that is in me; I am of them and they of me. For I am the instrument of God.

I am Music.—Ex.

Forecasts of wheat production this year in sixteen countries of the Northern Hemisphere is about 1,878,000,000 bushels compared to 1,754,000,000 bushels last year.

W. W. Walker of Waco was in the city on business Tuesday.

CHRISTMAS PROGRAM AT THE CHRISTIAN CHURCH

Regular services Sunday morning, Bible school at 9:45 and worship and preaching at 11:00. The pastor will deliver his Christmas sermon at the morning hour. The subject: "The Story that Never Grows Old." This will be a great message that you will enjoy.

The Christmas program by the children will be given Sunday evening in the auditorium beginning at seven o'clock. After the program the Christmas tree with its attending pleasures will be enjoyed in the basement of the church.

The public is invited.

Committee.

R. H. Jamell of Waco was a Mexia visitor Tuesday.



Santa Says:
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Boost our Industrial Enterprises.

Pay your Poll Tax and exercise your duty by voting for the Cause of Good Government.

Co-operate with the Chamber of Commerce and all Civic Institutions.

J. H. Hughes

THE MEXIA DAILY NEWS

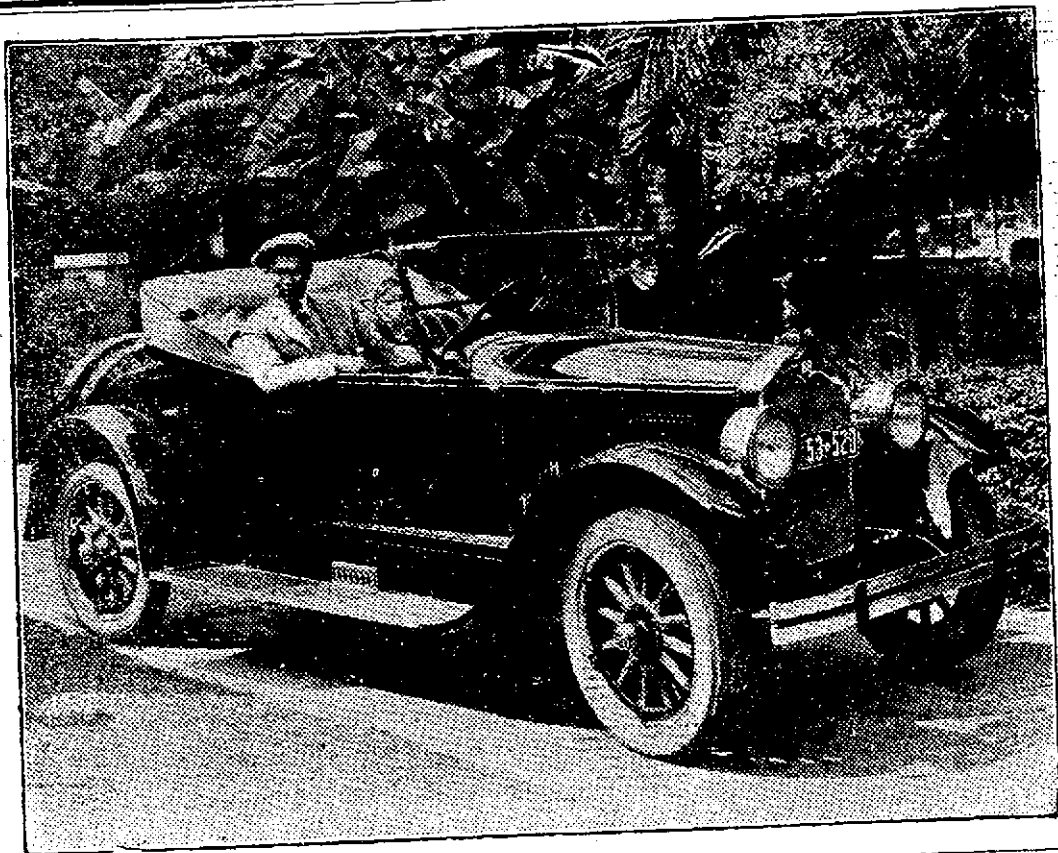
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JACK DEMPSEY JOINS BIG FAMILY OF BUICK OWNERS

Here is Jack Dempsey, undisputed champion of fistdom, with his Buick 1924 roadster, which he recently purchased in Los Angeles.

The big fellow bought his new car from the Howard Automobile Company, Pacific Coast distributors of the Buick line. "It was no trouble to sell him," says Howard's report to the factory. "He had already made up his mind."

Most buyers of Buick cars nowadays are as easy to sell as Dempsey, because the many advanced features of efficiency and safety in the 1924 models are manifested by thousands of cars in daily service on the streets and highways.

Buick has given the public what the

public wants—that is why sales are so great.

Duncan street hill, made famous a few years ago by the motor car dealers of San Francisco in a series of hill-climbing tests to prove the power and dependability of the engine, has bobbed into the limelight through a different sort of a test.

The previous visit to Duncan street hill was to prove the ability of an automobile to scale even a hill as precipitous as this one, which therefore had proved to be a bugaboo to motorists. This recent stunt was for the purpose of proving the safety factor as well as the reliability of four-wheel breaks.

Charles S. Howard, Jr., took a 1924 Buick four-wheel break equipped

touring car of the six-cylinder type and drove it from the bottom of the grade and then turned around and started down hill.

When he had reached the steepest portion of the grade he applied the foot breaks and brought the car to a standstill without a particle of skidding.

As every motorist knows, Duncan street at the incline where the Buick four-wheel-break car was stopped is practically 50 per cent grade. It also is paved with cobblestones and grass is growing through the dirt between these stones, making the grade much more slippery than otherwise would be the case. Consequently the Buick officials consider this latest feat of proving the dependability of four-wheel breaks to be one of the most noteworthy yet performed by the new cars.

Coming down from the top of the hill at city traffic speed, Howard piloted the automobile to a point midway between the two streets, when he

brought it to a stop by simply pressing his foot on the break pedal. At no time was the emergency break brought into play, despite the fact that the car was kept standing in one position to enable the photographer to take several pictures.

Dallas' Big New "Swimming Hole"

DALLAS, Dec. 22.—The new swimming pool of the Dallas Athletic Club when completed and filled with water will weigh 700 tons. The steel beams used in the pool weigh 86,000 pounds, the steel plates 81,000 pounds, and the concrete and tile weigh about 271,000 pounds. The pool will hold 118,125 gallons of water weighing about 500 tons. "Seven hundred tons—a lot of water for a bath", a small boy ejaculated.

Prisoner Catches Christmas Spirit And Plays Santa

KANSAS CITY, Mo., Dec. 21.—The Christmas spirit filtered thru the walls of the Kansas State prison, down deep under the ground and into the heart of Paul Sinequelfield, convict 7342, who worked with a pick in a coal mine.

Realizing it was almost Christmas Sinequelfield groped back along the dark channels of his memory for the name of someone who had been kind to him and who he could make happy Christmas morning.

He finally recalled his boyhood days and pictured a room in Mercy hospital where kindly nurses soothed and comforted him in illness.

Mercy hospital today received a check for \$25. It was "coal money" to the convict who earned it by digging more than his share, and who could have spent it for tobacco, candy, magazines or any other such luxuries.

"This boy who was once your pa-

tient, has a warm spot in his heart for Mercy hospital," wrote the chaplain, who forwarded the money.

Pay your poll tax.

Mrs. Jeanette Brill, a practicing lawyer of Brooklyn, is the first woman to be appointed a deputy attorney general of the State of New York.

The United States public health service was organized 125 years ago. Under the name of the Marine Hospital service for the medical and surgical care of merchant seamen.

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This Christmas
And In The Coming Year

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That Well Known Christmas Spirit

Mrs. Honeywell drew aside the hanging curtains to place the holly wreath with its red silk bow in the window. Suddenly her front door blew open with a whiff of snow and Edith stomped in, her arms filled with her Christmas bundles.

Edith, tall and rosy checked, clerked in the "big store." She had been taken on as an extra for the holiday rush. The excitement, the crowding of insistent customers, the continuous demand for cheerful service had been her first business experience.

"Hello, Mother bunch!" cried Edith as she closed the door and dropped her bundles, her fur piece and her great coat.

"Are you tired, dear?" asked Mrs. Honeywell, for she knew that this was the last shopping day and she imagined a day of exasperation for her daughter in serving the numberless last minute folks.

"Not a bit," promptly rejoined Edith, "I do believe that people are following somewhat the muchly advocated saying of doing their Christmas shopping early. Of course there were a lot who had to get something for their cousin or a friend or a wife whom they had forgotten but they seemed to appreciate the fact and were the nicest customers I ever had."

"You know, mother," she went on, "you sort of lose the idea of Christmas when you are in the center of so much buying and selling. But today I met several customers who were the loveliest I have met."

Edith strolled out into the kitchen with her mother and helped her with the preparations for supper. Mother and daughter had been "bitching it" together for some years, living on the income from Mr. Honeywell's insurance which had provided for Edith's education as well as a fair living for both of them. Now, however, Edith felt she should make her own way at least. They needed pretty clothes, she and her mother liked the theatre and some day they were going to get "that car."

"I have a little surprise for you, Mother, or rather the surprise is for me," murmured Edith while she stirred the gravy.

"I thought so," answered her mother, "you've been looking quite mysterious—Look out, you're burning the gravy. I suppose you are going to tell me that Fred will be here tonight?"

"Oh, Fred will be here all right. He'll be here day and night if I'd let him. But that is not my special surprise," said Edith as she and Mrs. Honeywell sat down to their gaily legged table.

"I am going to be kept on at the store," Edith continued, "and it all came about on account of a certain Mrs. Worthington. She came into the china and glassware section and she seemed to be quite put out and annoyed and told me how she had

purchased a nice tea set as a gift for her daughter and the set had been delivered broken; and here it was the last day with no gift. I sympathized with her and helped her make a new selection and arranged with the floorman to have the set delivered by a special messenger. It wasn't much for me to do, since it had happened before many times, especially this time of the year, but it seemed to impress Mrs. Worthington. I have since found out that she is one of the most important customers the store has. As soon as I finished with her she went to the buyer of the section and reported to him how I had handled the matter for her and told him that he ought to keep me after the rush. The buyer said he agreed with her and would arrange for me to be employed permanently and he notified me before I left this evening. So mother that settles the job question! And it must have been the Christmas spirit that got into Mrs. Worthington. The other girls told me she had never been known to have a kind word for any one."

The door bell gave a sharp ring and Edith rose hastily with an eager look in her blue eyes. The next instant Mrs. Honeywell heard a soft murmur.

"Oh, Fred, how cold your nose is!" Whereupon Mrs. Honeywell demanded to know how Edith knew. There was a series of repressed giggles and chuckles as Fred entered and greeted a much loved mother-in-law-to-be.

BIRTHS

From Groesbeck Journal

The following Births in Limestone county were recorded during the week ending December 18:

To Mr. and Mrs. Jerry Taber of Media a girl on December 6.

To Mr. and Mrs. E. P. Markham of Media a boy on December 11.

To Mr. and Mrs. Robt. J. Kitley of Media a boy on December 9.

To Mr. and Mrs. F. L. Norville of Media a girl on December 13.

To Mr. and Mrs. J. M. Hardie of near Kosse a girl on December 5.

To Mr. and Mrs. Lloyd Jackson of Thornton a girl on December 4.

To Mr. and Mrs. G. H. Bradley of Thornton a girl on December 8.

To Mr. and Mrs. James G. Murphy of Groesbeck a boy on December 3.

To Mr. and Mrs. C. O. Long of Media a girl on December 5.

To Mr. and Mrs. J. Roy Manning of Thornton a girl on November 18.

To Mr. and Mrs. T. J. Taylor of Kosse a girl on December 4.

To Mr. and Mrs. P. C. Simmons of Personville a girl on November 28.

To Mr. and Mrs. W. W. Richardson of Personville a girl on December 3.

To Mr. and Mrs. J. W. Sims of Personville a girl on November 26.

To Tom Spivey and wife (col) of Thornton a girl on December 11.

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REALITIES--AND THE ALLIED DEBT PROBLEM

By WALTER W. HEAD,
President, American Bankers Association.

As a business proposition there is just one reason for considering a recasting of the balances due the United States from foreign governments. That is the possibility that such action would aid in re-establishing a foreign market which will absorb our surplus products.



Walter W. Head

MARRIAGE LICENSE

From Groesbeck Journal

The following marriage license were issued during the week ending December 18:

Jim Win and Bertha Medlock.
Willie Hayes and Anna Woods.
Redge Gillham and Winnie Hall.
H. L. Barnhart and Hattie R. McIntire.

Daniel Roy Tatum and Idelia Milus.
Milton Harris and Colla Brown.
Harvey Ray and Sarah Jones.
Charlie Lewis and Avis Kindred.
Clyde Grisham and Ruth Ovgive Ballard.

Do mail order houses help pay your taxes and make your city a better place in which to live?

Value of cotton exported in September was \$34,829,000, more than double that of a year ago.

gather all information available. The United States Government, of its own motion and based on its own information, should then decide whether it should consider the readjustment of its accounts with Europe, and, if so, in what manner. Our own Debt Funding Commission should recommend to Congress whatever readjustment, if any, of the Inter-Allied Debt may be warranted.

THESE SUGGESTIONS ARE PURELY FOR FACT-FINDING AND ADVISORY PURPOSES—FOR GETTING DOWN TO THE REALITIES OF THE CASE. Precisely what our action should be, to serve the common interest, will be determined by information which at this time is not available. Our first step is to secure the information and our duty is to follow developments intelligently.

THE FRIEND IN NEED

(From the Nation's Business)

Some there are who still think the banker wears horns. Who is the hardboiled citizen, the man behind the thumb-screw? The banker, they will tell you. In the light of this illusion, consider a brief excerpt from the resolutions adopted at the recent Atlantic City convention of the American Bankers Association.

"The conclusion is inevitably forced on the impartial observer that the primary need of the world is moral and spiritual regeneration as the essential basis for economic recovery. Until the nations of the world are willing to liquidate their hates they can make little progress toward liquidating their debts."

Hard-boiled? Not that! It harks back to Socrates. "The true politics," he said, "is first of all a politics of the soul."

Come to think of it, when we want someone to take care of our funds, to whom do we turn? To the banker. When we are in a tight place and need funds, to whom do we turn? To the banker. When there's a civic enterprise afoot, whose time and money do we commandeer first? The banker's.

Get the Facts

The United States should have a representative with official standing in the Reparations Commission. We should not necessarily be bound by any agreement which may be proposed, but our representative should

Rents Stabilized At '23 Level, Says Survey

ST. LOUIS, Mo., Dec. 22.—(United Press.)—Rents on homes and business houses increased generally over the country during 1923 but now apparently are becoming stabilized at the present levels. This was the finding of the National Association of Real Estate Boards on the basis of a survey of 240 cities of the United States.

More transfers of real estate were made and more buildings were erected during the first nine months of the year than during any similar period in any year of United States history, the report of the association declared.

House shortages are acute in the East and Far West, the report said, adding that considerable inroads are being made on shortages everywhere by building programs.

Small single-family dwellings are the object of the greatest demand, and hence the subject of the greatest shortage.

Sixty-eight per cent of the 240 cities reported shortage of one-family dwellings; 54 per cent reported shortage in apartment houses, and 43 per cent a shortage in business structures.

Rents are approaching stabilization after their increases of this year, the report asserted, especially in cities of over 200,000 population.

Of 236 cities answering the question as to how well the building activities were fulfilling the needs of the municipality, 223 stated that even with the tremendous construction of this year there was no "over-building."

The report said labor supply was sufficient in 49 per cent of the cities to handle the building programs, and in 70 per cent of the cities the situation was more favorable or "no worse" than last year.

Leads Coolidge Fight for Nomination.



William M. Butler, of Boston, Republican National Committeeman from Massachusetts and for years a friend of Calvin Coolidge, has been appointed to manage the Coolidge campaign for the nomination in 1924.

TURKEYS HIGH IN LONDON

LONDON, (United Press.)—The Londoners' Christmas turkey, if he buys a bird bred in his native island, will cost him about 50 cents a pound. Poulterers say that the supply is scarce, owing to Easter rains, which interfered with breeding. To make up for the deficiency, enormous flocks of geese are being shipped from Holland.

The Royal Agricultural society of England is conducting experiments with pits dug in the ground for the storage of fodder as a substitute for the more expensive tower silos.

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| \$19.50 values now.....\$9.75 | \$45.00 values now.....\$22.50 |
| \$22.50 values now.....\$11.25 | \$49.50 values now.....\$24.75 |
| \$27.50 values now.....\$13.75 | \$69.50 values now.....\$34.75 |
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10.00 value -----\$5.75

Woman Club Leader Urges Her Sex To Study Coal Problems In Interest of Labor and Industry



Women are now being urged to study coal problems by Mrs. Clara Ketchum Tripp, leading club woman and economist of Seattle, who recently completed a trip through the country delivering addresses before various organizations. One of the points she stressed was that women should understand the relationship which exists between local industry and their own lives.

"I wish the women of every state would study the coal industry," she said. "They should know what the coal industry contributes in dollars and cents to the home and the school. Our club women should visit the mines and be informed and ready to assist in all matters pertaining to the industry."

Mrs. Tripp declares there has never been a monopoly in the soft coal industry. With more than 1,000 operators producing coal in 29 states under widely different mining con-

ditions, she maintains that it is impossible for producers to have even a working agreement. On the other hand, she says there is a monopoly of mine labor in the United States, controlling more than 60 per cent of the supply of coal. During a nation-wide strike, the country is entirely dependent on the non-union mines.

The extent to which education, good roads and other advantages can be furnished by a community to its members is brought out by the study given to the coal industry in Washington. The pay roll of this industry alone represents one of the mainstays of prosperity, exceeding \$11,000,000 annually when the mines are in operation. The industry pays \$500,000 a year in taxes to the state, 42 per cent of which goes into the educational fund and 17 1/2 per cent into state highways.

TOO HEAVY BURDEN FOR UNCLE SAM'S DOUGHBOYS

By A. L. BRADFORD
(United Press Staff Correspondent)
WASHINGTON, Dec. 21.—(United Press.)—Results of three years intensive study by army experts are about to be given to Congress.

The problem they have been studying is: How can we make the "last long mile" easier for the American doughboy?

In other words, the army has been studying how to reduce the weight of the American soldier's pack.

The average weight carried by the American soldier is 72.77 pounds in summer and 81.63 pounds in winter, including his clothing.

The recommendations to be made to Congress by the Chief of Infantry include these reductions:

Elimination of extra pair of shoes; weight 3.391 pounds.

Elimination of one blanket, 3.525 pounds.

Carrying on trucks of one pack carrier, 456 pound.

Five tent pins, one tent pole and half of one tent, total weight, 4.082 pounds.

This would lighten the pack by 8.063 pounds, in addition to the shoes.

Further lightening would be accomplished by requiring the doughboy to carry only twenty rounds of ammunition in his belt instead of the full belt of 100 rounds as at present. Upon entering a combat zone the soldier would be given 60 rounds more, and just before going into action, 120 rounds, increasing the weight by 4.750 pounds.

Gas masks and similar equipment would be carried on wagons until troops entered the combat zone.

Army experts found that foreign nations had reduced their soldiers' packs so that the Yank was carrying more than any other soldier.

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FIGHTS AND FIGHTERS

NEW YORK.—Tex Rickard will make another effort today to have Mike McTigue and his manager, Joe Jacobs, bury the club so that McTigue will accept terms for a fight with Gene Tunney or Georges Carpentier.

NEW YORK.—Ad Stone, Philadelphia light-heavyweight, regarded as the coming heavy-weight champion, will meet Billy Shade, California, in a 12 round bout tonight in Madison Square Garden.

NEW YORK.—"I will never box again in New York or New Jersey," Mickey Walker, world's welterweight champion, declared before leaving for Canada. He is bitter against the New Jersey officials for warring on him because he boxed at a church benefit.

NEW YORK.—Italian Joe Gans, middleweight, and Phil Krueg, Newark, went twelve rounds to a draw. The crowd booed the fighters.

LOWELL, Mass.—Lew Paluso, of Lynn, featherweight, won a 10 round decision from Joie Fox, former British champion.

BLUE ISLAND, Ill.—Joe Burman, Chicago featherweight and Johnny McCoy, Cleveland, box ten rounds here tonight.

REGINA, Sask.—The population of Saskatchewan last year was 785,508.

MYSTERIOUS MURDER BEING INVESTIGATED

BALLINGER, Texas, Dec. 21.—Investigation was under way today into the mysterious slaying of Crawford A. Tabor, farmer, near here by four men in an automobile. Tabor, according to his father-in-law, J. N. Wells, left the latter's home with a stranger who stopped to ask Tabor to help move a stalled automobile down the road.

Wells accompanied the two and when they arrived at the car, four men inside the machine opened fire on Tabor and Wells the latter said. Tabor was killed instantly. Wells made his escape uninjured.

After the killing the men sped away in the car.

No motive is known for the killing.

Pay your poll tax.

CARD OF THANKS

We wish to take this method of sincerely thanking our friends and the Klan for assistance and sympathy on the occasion of the recent death of our baby girl. May God's richest blessings ever abide with you all.—Mr. and Mrs. Pat West.

Sam Cox, John Sweat, Hardy Eubanks, R. B. Bass and F. W. Welch returned this morning from a hunting expedition in South Texas, to which grounds they went in automobiles. They spent the night in a bog hole near Waco, it is learned, and at Waco Mr. Eubanks left his car and came on in home with the others.

In football it's a touchdown; in matrimony it's a shakedown.

The less that husbands and wives have to say about jealousy the better.

Commissioner John Kennedy stated Thursday that as soon as good weather prevails again, he will get to the roads as fast as he can. Commissioner Kennedy is constantly on the alert and is anxious to main tain the best roads in this part of Texas.

Big Williams stated at noon today that drilling had been temporarily suspended on the Rosson test but would be completed as soon as weather permitted. The condition of the roads make it difficult to get fuel oil to the operation, he stated.

Fuel oil is being sent out to the Moody test for resumption of drilling Saturday.

Revenues from the new Zealand State forests pay all the expenses of the forest administration, and research.

Merry Christmas and Happy New Year

Munger Oil and Cotton Company

Baseball Had Good Money Year in 1923.

By HENRY L. FARRELL
(United Press Sports Editor)
NEW YORK, Dec. 22.—Arrival of the predicted and patiently awaited million dollar world's series was, without doubt, the big event of 1923 in baseball.

Records for attendance and receipts at the post-season battles between the major league pennant winners were made possible by the opening of the two-million dollar Yankee stadium, another event of record for the year.

With a capacity of 70,000 and a plan of construction which will permit its extension so that it will accommodate 100,000 when the need requires, the Yankee Stadium is the finest baseball structure in the world.

Another victory by the New York Giants and the Yankees in the pennant races and their subsequent participation in the world's series removed novel features for the season, although the two teams made a new record by staging the series between themselves for the third successive time.

Considering that the Giants were almost unanimously picked to beat the Yankees in the series, the feat of the American League champions in winning the world's championship might have been a surprise. The success of the Yankees also made a new record in that it was the first time that the world's championship had been won by a New York American League team.

Many new minor records were made on the playing field during the minor and major league seasons, but sensational performances, such as were provided when Babe Ruth was running wild several years ago, were missing.

Babe Ruth did not make a new slugging record, but the all-round improvement of baseball's greatest player was perhaps the biggest feature of the season and aroused the most interest.

Ruth lived up to his promise, to settle down and play baseball. He came within ten points of taking the batting championship of the American League from Harry Heilmann, the Detroit star. He finished in a tie for first place in batting in runs. He made a new record for the number of bases received during a season. He was third in base running, and he was the best right fielder in the league.

To make his comeback all the more glorious, the Babe had the honor of being named the most valuable player in the American League by the largest vote possible. His selection was unanimous.

It was Ruth's willingness to subordinate his own interests to those of the team that was largely responsible for the victory of the Yankees in the American League pennant race and in the world's series.

One of the biggest disappointments of the season resulted from the disability which made it necessary for George Sisler, the "perfect player," to remain out of the game all season.

Disabled with eye trouble, Sisler could not even get into a uniform and he didn't make an attempt to play all season. Without him the St. Louis Browns were wrecked before the season started. Sisler was appointed manager of the St. Louis club at the end of the season, but it is doubtful that he will ever be able to play again.

Prosperity was enjoyed generally all through the major and the minor leagues. Many teams made money for

the first time in several years. Failure of high priced beauties from the minors to deliver during the season caused general discussions throughout the year and it came to be accepted generally among wise baseball men that the major league magnates will not be as extravagant in the future.

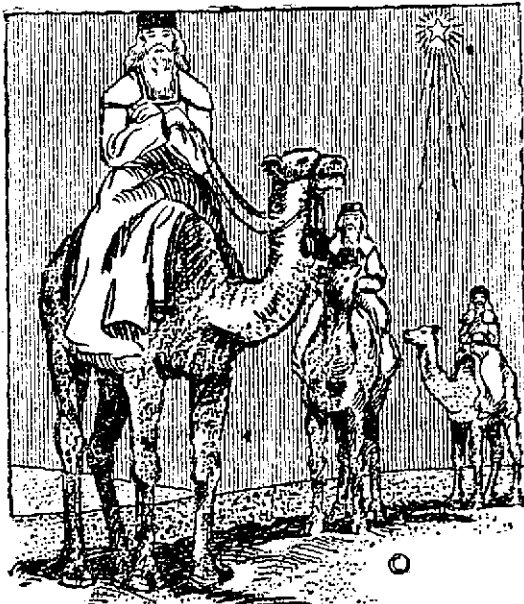
Of all the fancy priced minor league stars who came up to the big league only Willie Kamm, the \$100,000 White Sox third baseman, delivered.

Jimmy O'Connell, the \$75,000 outfielder, was a big disappointment with the Giants. O'Connell, however, was not well all season and there is every reason to believe that he will come through eventually.

The National League ran almost exactly according to form and the teams finished in precisely the same positions that the experts predicted before the season started.

The Christmas edition of The Mexia Daily News will appear Sunday morning, twenty five pages filled with news items of interest to all and display advertising of value to Christmas shoppers.

The Hughes Demonstration Home, being built under the direction of the News, is nearing completion. Bad weather has prevented its completion before now, else it would now be occupied.



CHRISTMAS DAY

On the first Christmas morning the Three Wise Men from the East, led by the Star of Bethlehem, found the infant Messiah in a manger, wrapped in swaddling clothes. And they fell down and worshipped Him, and they offered unto Him precious gifts.

On this latest Christmas morning the Wise Men and Women of the present generation, and even the little children, led by the Star of Faith and Hope and Love, are seeking after the Saviour of the world. They are worshipping Him and serving Him by doing those things which He bade Christians ever to do and perform. They are offering unto Him their souls and bodies, and in this sacrifice the Wise ever find the truest happiness.

This is the real Christmas spirit—the giving of ourselves to His service. By so doing, we too become saviours and the world becomes a better and happier place in which to live.

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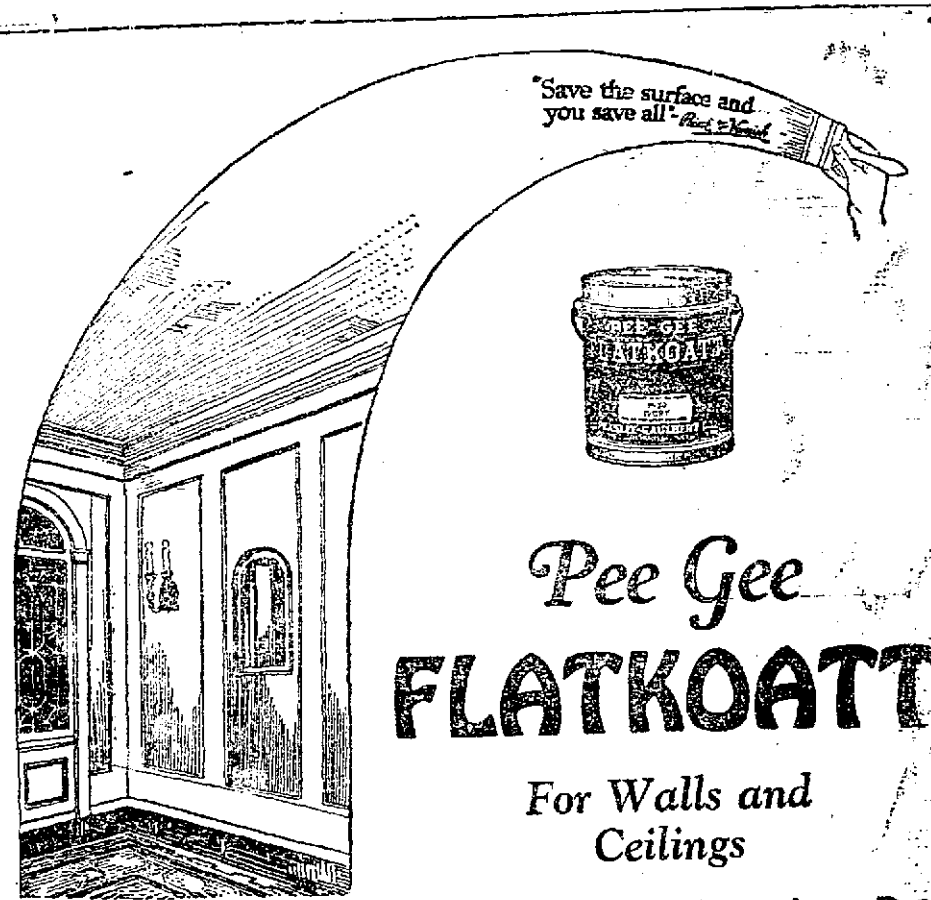
Mexia is the home of all of us who live here. Our comfort and happiness and prosperity is all involved with the welfare of the city—how good a place it is to live in and do business in. Every citizen and every business and industry in Mexia depends upon every other citizen and business and industry for equal responsibility in building this city to be what every good citizen wants it to be—a good city in every respect.

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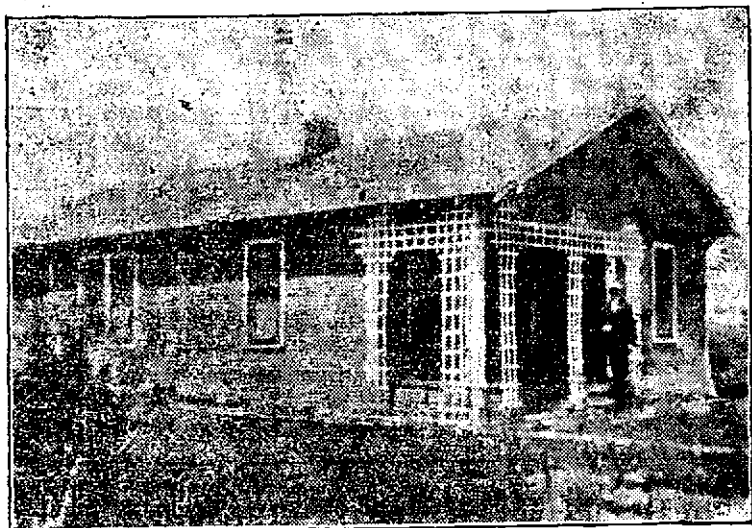
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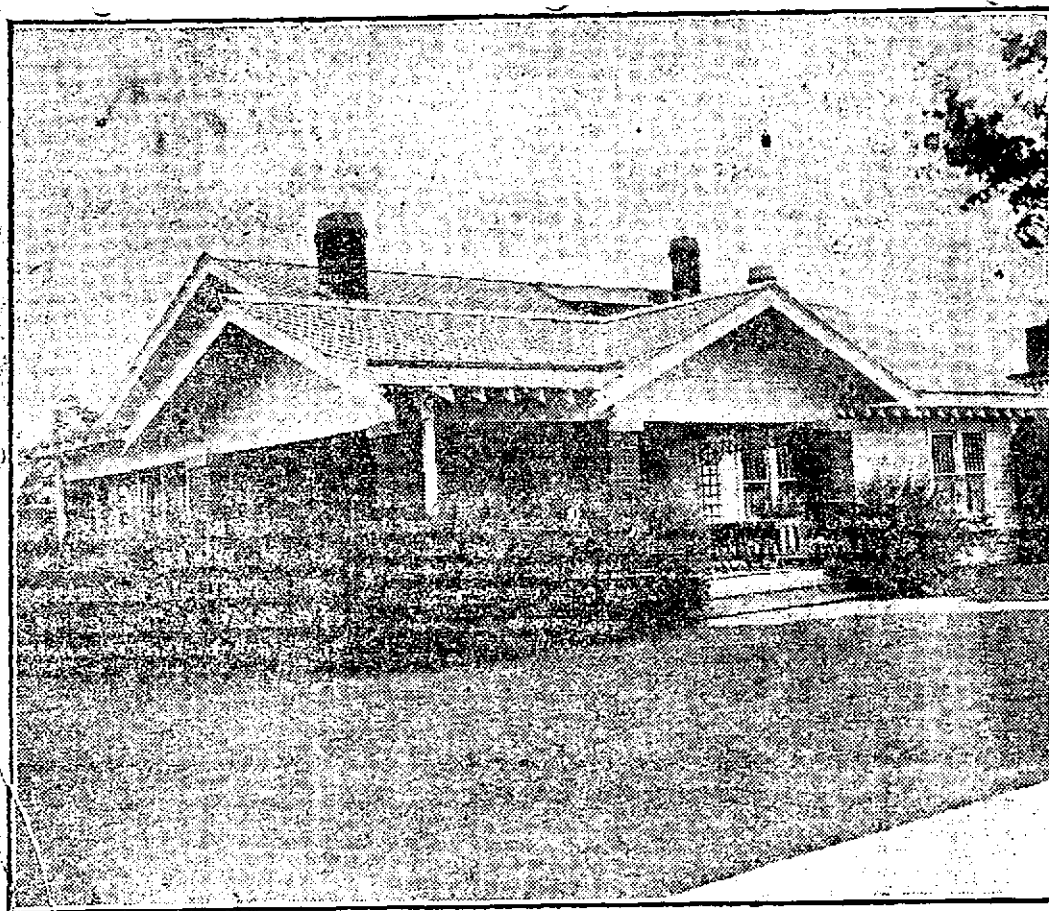
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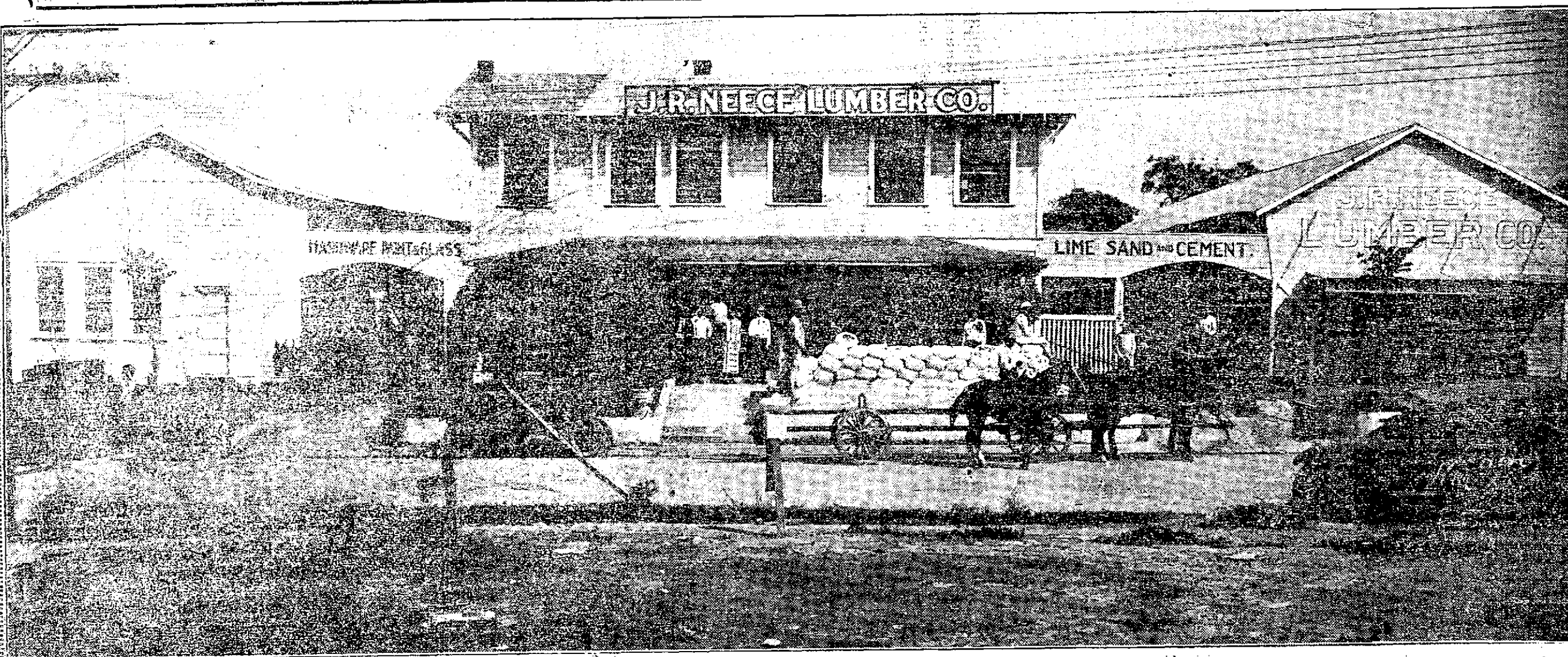
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Using Fire Boxes For Mailing Letter

DALLAS, Texas, Dec. 22.—Back in Double Wells, Arkansas, Mrs. Delmon Schultz and Ollie Schultz wondered why they hadn't received the postcards "para" mailed them back in August from Dallas.

"Dad" Garrett, fire alarm chief, unearthed the reason.

Cleaning out a fire alarm box or

a downtown corner he found two postcards and a letter that "Para" Schultz had dropped in a fire box by mistake.

Railroads of Finland are giving up wood and buying coal as the country's currency situation improves, because the black fuel must be imported from the United States and England, and a more stable exchange permits outside buying.

The widow's veil isn't always a veil of tears.

POISON LIQUOR BEING STORED FOR CHRISTMAS

By JAMES T. KOLBERT

(United Press Staff Correspondent)
CHICAGO, Dec. 22.—Flouting warnings against poisoned liquor and ignoring appeals to obey the prohibition laws, Chicago is laying in a huge stock of drinkables for Christmas and New Year's celebrations.

Nearly every drink known in the pre-prohibition area, and many new ones developed since, are on the market.

Here is a drink list, with prices, compiled from a survey of offerings openly made by "dealers":

Gin, \$3 per quart; beer, \$4 per gallon; hooch (home made whiskey), \$12 per quart; "genuine" whiskey, \$18 per quart; sacramental wine, \$8 per gallon; "cut" or diluted sacramental wine, \$6 per gallon; black fig wine, \$6 per gallon.

Black fig wine is new in Chicago. It is a favorite beverage because it packs a heavy kick.

Federal agents are authority for the statement that the city is being flooded with real beer from Elgin, Joliet, Peoria and other Illinois cities where breweries abound.

So-called "genuine" liquor is coming in in large quantities from Canada. The hooch is coming from thousands of cellar distilleries in Chicago.

Wines are obtainable from many sources. One famous wine company, in business for more than thirty years is selling vast quantities of fruit juices with directions for "what not to do" to prevent the juices from fermenting.

Police said that there would be little or no liquor on sale in cafes on Christmas and New Year's eve because of the drastic steps by Mayor Dever to shut down all saloons and grills found guilty of violating the dry laws. Less than 200 saloons are doing business now, it was estimated. Before the drive started, three months ago, more than 2,500 were doing a prolific business.

That each plant was marked by God with some sign to indicate the special use for which it was intended, led to the belief, years ago, that the viper's bugloss, with seeds shaped like a serpent's head, would cure snake bites.

Wool growing and rope making are among industries of St. Helena, where Napoleon was exiled.

What They Read And What Are The Reasons

HOUSTON, Texas, Dec. 22.—Who buys the vivid Western "thrillers" at the new stand? Who snaps up the snappy magazines containing the most salacious stories?

A reporter with more than ordinary curiosity made a round of the news stands of Houston and found: The "Tired Business Man" buys the "thrillers"; women and "Drug Store Shicks" go in for the amorous sex stuff.

College students and a little group of foreigners—many of them laboring men—buy the "high brow" magazines on art, music and the "heavier" volumes on world affairs.

But the business man who satisfies his craving to get away from the humdrum grind of business by reading the hair raising tales of the West, doesn't want it generally known.

"Most of the 'thrillers' we sell are wrapped up to disguise them" the newsmen say.

More Than Half A Million to Be Spent for School

GALVESTON, Dec. 22.—Contracts calling for an expenditure of approximately \$620,031 for city school improvement work have been awarded by the Galveston school board.

The plans include construction of the new Goliad school, extensive improvements to Ball high school, and rehabilitation of the Crockett and Houston schools.

Approximately 25 bids from contractors were gone over by the committee before a selection was made. The improvements will bring Galveston schools up to as high a standard as practically any other city in the state.

Research by scientists in medicine and surgery in Germany is reported to be practically at a standstill because of lack of financial support.

DALLAS. — \$100,000 theological building to be erected on campus of Southern Methodist University.

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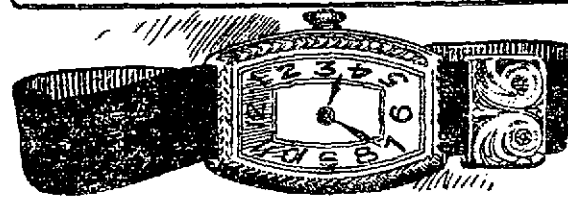
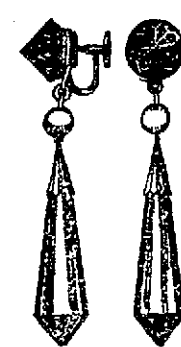
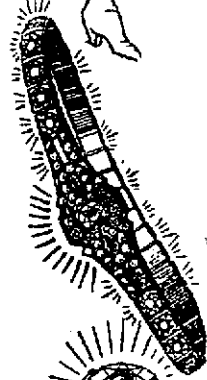
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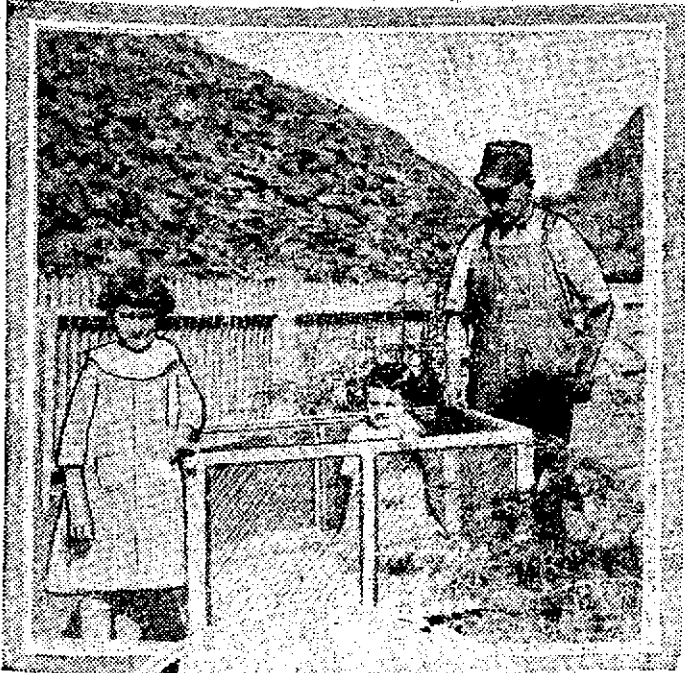
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This is the kind of children they bring up in the soft coal fields. Look at the three youngsters sitting in the swing. They appear to be perfectly contented with their lot.

These children, Helen and Lillian Potts and Garner Pink—sitting in the middle—are typical of the children of the miners. Their health in many communities is guarded by excellent visiting nurse systems, they have the best of medical care when they succumb to childish illness, and their school work and their playtime is supervised.

The owners of the bituminous mines know the value of keeping their miners and the miners' families not only well, but happy and

amused. That is why so much of the capital required for opening a coal mine goes into modern houses for the miners, churches, schools, modern playgrounds, moving-picture theatres, community halls, and the like.

The other picture shows G. D. Davidson, a miner at Warrior, in the same state, in his yard with his two children, Frances and Billy. It is the custom for the miner's houses to be widely separated, with yards and garden space. These houses are owned by the companies in most cases, and are rented to the miners for a price ranging from \$1 to \$2.50 a month for each room, making a six room house cost the occupant from \$6 to \$15 a month.

Intercollegiate Athletics Had Big Year

By HENRY L. FARRELL
(United Press Sports Editor)

NEW YORK, Dec. 22.—Keeping company with the professional sports, intercollegiate athletics had a most profitable and successful year in 1929.

The rather amazing growth of football in public favor during the year is of such fresh memory that it needs no repetition, but it is important, because, as football grows in interest so will grow the public patronage, and other collegiate sports will be advanced.

Football carries the freight for all other lines of collegiate athletics and when more money is available the so-called minor sports can be developed more fully.

This is particularly true in the case of baseball and rowing. College baseball is not self-supporting and there is not a cent of revenue from rowing, so that both sports have to depend upon the money obtained from football to carry them along.

Increasing attention paid by owners of professional baseball clubs to college diamonds is convincing proof of the advance being made in the class of the college game.

Such a good authority as L. E. St. John, athletic director of Ohio State University, went on record last spring that the leading universities were playing a game of baseball on a par with class A leagues of the professional circle.

John McGraw, manager of the New York Giants and Connie Mack, manager of the Philadelphia Athletics, two of the smartest men in baseball, said recently that they preferred college players to those who were being developed in the minor leagues.

Development of the college game may be due in part to the favor into which former professional stars are being looked upon by college baseball officials as coaches.

Yale won the intercollegiate baseball championship last spring and the Yale team was largely the product of Joe Wood, former Cleveland pitcher and outfielder.

Track and field athletics have grown so among the colleges that it is safe to hazard the prediction that in another eight years the United States Olympic team will be comprised almost entirely of college stars. At least 50 per cent of the team that will be sent to Paris next summer to represent the United States are expected to be college athletes.

California repeated as the intercollegiate track and field champions last spring in Philadelphia. The Californians won the title again with a team constituted almost entirely of field stars.

Another western university came into a national championship when the fine Washington crew won the intercollegiate rowing championship at Poughkeepsie.

Washington figured prominently also in the victory of Yale in the annual Harvard-Yale race at New London, as the Yale crew was developed by Ed Leader, former Washington coach.

Women of Clarksdale, Miss., have organized a movement "to preserve the gracious courtesies which were once a distinguished feature of the Old South."

Mexia Opera House Wednesday, Dec. 26



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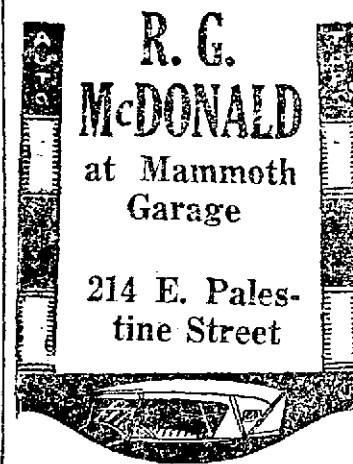
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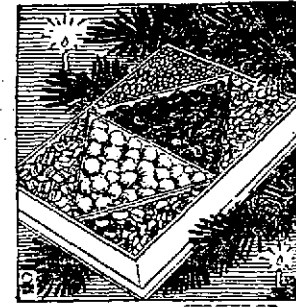
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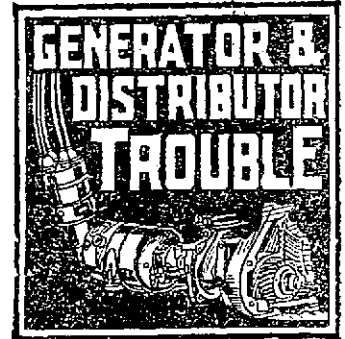
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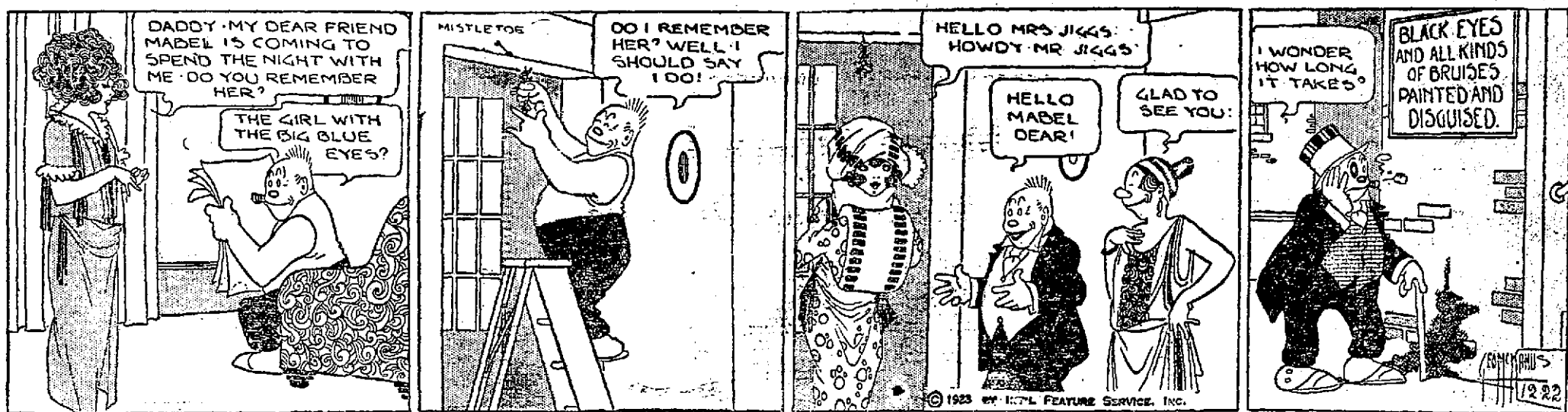
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Enduring success has been achieved by the Georgia Smart Set Minstrels, which comes to the Opera House Wednesday, Dec. 26. This company has weathered the storm of over thirty-three years on the road, having visited time upon time every city and state on this continent, and have spent numerous seasons in foreign countries, where their success has been as marked as in their native country. The company and production for this season is out of the ordinary.

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SHERIFF'S SALE

State of Texas, County of Limestone. Notice is hereby given that by virtue of a certain Order of Sale issued out of the Honorable District Court of Dallas County, of the 14th day of Dec. 1923, by The District Clerk of said Dallas County, for the sum of \$1800.00 Dollars and costs of suit, under a Foreclosure and Deed of Trust Lien,

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in favor of a certain cause in said court, No. 49016-7 and styled Fidelity Savings Trust Company, versus Mrs. Della Box, the surviving wife of S. A. Box, deceased, Clarence Box, Alvie Box, Mable Box, Homer Box, Ruby Box, Herman Box, Branton Box, and Mrs. Della Box, Guardian of the Estates of Clarence, Alvie, Mable, Homer, Ruby, Herman, and Branton Box, Minors.

The Plaintiff, Fidelity Savings Trust Company, recovered, in the District Court of Dallas County, 68th Judicial District of Texas, a judgement against the said defendants, Della Box, for the sum of \$1800.00 principal, \$424.80 interest and \$222.48 attorney's fees, together with interest on \$222.48 principal and interest at the rate of 10% per annum and interest at the rate of 6% per annum on \$222.48 attorney's fees from said November 13th, 1923.

And placed in my hands for service, I Whit Popejoy, Sheriff of Limestone County, Texas, did, on the 17th day of December, A. D., 1923, Levy on certain Real Estate, situated in Limestone County, Texas, described as follows, to-wit: Being 103 acres of land in the Chas. Roberts survey, described in three tracts as follows:

FIRST TRACT: 42 acres of land described as beginning at the Southeast corner of lot No. 1, in the Adams-O'Neal subdivision of said Chas. Roberts League, in the North line of the 90 acre tract known as the Limestone County, Land; Thence North 30 West with the East line of said Lot No. 1, 700 varas to corner from which a post oak 12" in dia. bears North 22 1/2 East 10 varas; Thence North 60 East 338 varas to corner; Thence South 30 East 700 varas to the Northeast corner of said Limestone County 90 acre tract; Thence South 60 West along the North line of said 90 acre tract 338 varas to the place of beginning.

SECOND TRACT: 30 acres of land described as beginning at the Northeast corner of the R. O'Neal 200 acre homestead tract; Thence North 30 West with said O'Neal's line, 560 varas

to corner; Thence North 60 East 127 varas to corner; Thence North 20 West with the O'Neal line to the Southwest corner of the M. R. Box 18 acre tract; Thence North 60 East to the Northwest corner of the 42 acre tract above described; Thence South 30 East 700 varas to the Southwest corner of the 42 acre tract above described; Thence South 60 West 294 varas to the place of beginning.

Said two tracts of land above described being the same land conveyed by Ella Box to S. A. Box on January 12, 1920, by Deed duly recorded in the deed records of Limestone County, Texas.

THIRD TRACT: 31 acres of land known as part of the R. O'Neal homestead, beginning at the most Southern Northwest corner of the 30 acre tract of land described as tract No. 2 above, Thence South 30 East 585 varas to corner on the North line of the tract of land conveyed by Mrs. Abia Box and others to Mrs. Alice Stem, a rock for corner; Thence South 60 West 298 varas to corner; same being the Southeast corner of a 21 acre tract designated by S. A. Box and wife as a part of their homestead; Thence North 31 west 585 varas to the Northeast corner of said 21 acre tract; Thence North 60 East 298 varas to the place of beginning, being part of the land conveyed by M. B. Box, and wife to S. A. Box by deed recorded in Vol. 76, page 178 deed records of Limestone County, Texas.

Said three tracts of land being the same land described in the deed of Trust from S. A. Box and wife, Della Box to Chas. L. Krebs, Trustee, recorded in Vol. 7, page 493-7, deed of trust records of Limestone County, Texas; and levied upon as the property of Jella Box, and all above named parties; and that on the first Tuesday in Feb., 1924, the same being the 5th day of said month, at the Court House door, of Limestone County, in the town of Groesbeck, Texas, between the hours of 10 A. M. and 4 P. M., by virtue of said levy and said Order of Sale, I will sell said above described Real Estate

at public vendue, for cash, to the highest bidder, as the property of said Della Box, et al.

And in compliance with law, I give this notice by publication, in the English language, once a week for three consecutive weeks immediately preceding said day of sale, in the Mexia Daily News, a newspaper published in Limestone County.

Witness my hand, this 17th day of Dec., 1923.

WHIT POPEJOY, Sheriff, Limestone County Texas. By N. P. Harris, Deputy. Dec. 18-25 Jan. 2

NOTICE

The regular annual meeting of the stockholders of the City National Bank of Mexia, will be held at its banking house Tuesday, January 8, 1924, between the hours of 10 A. M. and 2 P. M. for the purpose of electing Directors to serve for the ensuing year and for the transaction of any other business that may properly come before it. Mexia, Texas, December 8th, 1923. W. G. FORREST, Cashier. (10-17-24-31-7)

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17 Dallas Ft. Worth 4:35 a. m.
19 Dallas Ft. Worth 3:55 a. m.

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